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Suffolk grand jury indicts man for fatal DWI crash on LIE

A Deer Park man arrested for DWI after a fatal crash that killed his passenger last November on the LIE will be arraigned tomorrow, February 6 in Central Islip on an indictment, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal the charges against Daniel Moreira, 27, who is free on \$5,000 cash bail.

Moreira was allegedly exceeding the speed limit traveling westbound on November 9 when he crashed his compact car into the rear of a pickup truck near Exit 49 at 3:45 a.m. The vehicle came to a stop after hitting a Jersey barrier.

His passenger, Ismelda Rodriguez, 25, of Brentwood, died at the scene, Moreira was not seriously injured and the truck driver was not hurt.

"Though police at the scene described the defendant as smelling of alcohol, having bloodshot, glassy eyes and slurred speech, Moreira claimed to have had one beer, that he was traveling alone and that the crash occurred at Exit 60," District Attorney Spota said.

Blood-alcohol tests by the county crime lab established Moreira had a BAC of .20 after the crash, DA Spota said.

Justice Camacho will call the court calendar at 9:30 am.



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