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Sentencing for Rocky Point driver who crossed centerline and struck oncoming vehicle

A 24 year-old Rocky Point man who was driving while under the influence of drugs when he collided head-on with a car driven by a woman in Shoreham was sentenced today to two years in prison by County Judge Richard Ambro.

Two years ago Denis Karachopan's BMW crossed over the centerline and struck a 2008 Nissan Altima head-on at approximately 11 a.m. on Route 25A. Upon examination of his BMW, police recovered also discovered heroin and drug paraphernalia. The district attorney's office recommended a six-year prison term for the defendant. Karachopan pleaded guilty to vehicular assault, assault, driving under the influence and other charges.

The victim suffered two broken legs and other injuries. Her baby was also in the car but was not hurt.

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