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**PRESS ADVISORY FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013**

**Sentencing Friday for hit and run driver who killed young mother**

Preston Mimms of 79 Wavecrest in Mastic is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge James Hudson tomorrow (Friday January 4) in Suffolk County Court in Riverhead.

Last month, Mimms, 48, pleaded guilty to Leaving the Scene of an Incident Charge and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree. Mimms, driving his employer's laundry truck, struck and killed Erika Hughes, 24, of Shirley, as the victim walked on Mastic Road south of Riverside Avenue in Mastic around midnight on July 29, 2011.

After a lengthy investigation, the defendant was arrested by Suffolk County Police eight months and 27 days later.

Family, friends and neighbors of the victim, a single mother with a fifteen month old infant at the time of her death, are expected to attend Friday's sentencing.

The district attorney's office will recommend Mimms receive the maximum sentence under the law of two and one-third to seven years imprisonment for leaving the scene, and the maximum of six months concurrent on the misdemeanor charge of unlicensed driving.

Judge Hudson will call the calendar at 9:30 am.



Preston Mimms  
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