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### **Thief who caused fatal crash sentenced**

A Brooklyn man was sentenced today to the maximum seven and one-third to 22 years in state prison for killing a 62 year old Holbrook woman while fleeing the scene of a theft, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today.

The district attorney said today is the two-year anniversary of the fatal car crash.

A jury convicted Cordell Tucker, 26, in May of second-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault, third-degree grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, reckless endangerment and several traffic violations.

“After stealing \$5,000 worth of jeans from the True Religion Store in the Tanger Outlet Center in Riverhead, Tucker drove at a high rate of speed, at times in excess of 100 mph, on the LIE, Route 112 and Sunrise Highway,” said DA Spota. “In Bohemia, on the Sunrise service road at the intersection with Lincoln Avenue, he ran a red light and broadsided Gail and Alan Sacher’s car, fatally injuring Mrs. Sacher and critically injuring her husband.”

The victim died of her injuries in Southside Hospital in Bay Shore two hours after the crash.