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Probation hearing scheduled by judge in DWI probation violation case

Justice William Condon today scheduled a hearing for June 5 on DWI defendant Charlotte DePersia's alleged violation of her probationary sentence.

The defendant allegedly drank two glasses of wine on March 10. The alcohol-detection device strapped to the defendant's ankle measured a blood-alcohol reading of .039.

DePersia, of East Hampton, was sentenced by the judge last December to 840 hours of community service, five years of probation, ignition interlock conditions and monitoring by a Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor, or SCRAM device.

The defendant has been arrested three times over the past nine years for driving under the influence of alcohol, most recently in November of 2010 when she crossed the centerline on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton and collided with a car, injuring two people.

At the time of the crash, DePersia was on probation for a 2009 DWI.

For the 2010 arrest, DePersia pleaded guilty to all of the charges in the indictment; felony DWI, vehicular assault, crossing the median and possession of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

The probation hearing on June 5 before Justice Condon is scheduled for 2:00 pm.

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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.