

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



THOMAS J. SPOTA
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 16, 2014

New charges for alleged drunk driver in fatal crash

A Suffolk County grand jury indicted a 29-year old East Islip man for aggravated driving while intoxicated and aggravated vehicular homicide in a May 4 accident that killed an 84-year-old Central Islip woman, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today.

Charles Koukalenios, who had a .13 blood alcohol level four hours after the crash, pleaded not guilty today to all of the charges in the indictment in Suffolk County court in Riverhead. Bond was set at \$300,000.

Koukalenios, of 129 Washington St., East Islip, was driving his 2011 Chevrolet Camaro northbound on Carleton Avenue when he crossed over into oncoming lane and struck a center median when he attempted to return to the northbound lane. He lost control and struck a southbound 2002 Buick Century driven by Mary Rogalle of Central Islip.

Rogalle was transported to Southside Hospital in Bay Shore where she was pronounced dead.

Koukalenios is also charged with vehicular manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, speeding and reckless driving.



A criminal charge is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.



THE SCDA COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (631) 853-4118