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DWI suspect in fatal crash charged with Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

A Kings Park woman charged with driving drunk after a fatal head-on collision on Route 25A in March pleaded not guilty to a 12-count indictment today at her arraignment, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Natalia Simons, 36, was driving a Nissan Rogue northbound on Route 25A when she crossed over into the southbound lane collided with a Toyota Camry driven by Larry Garwood of Island Park. Garwood, 59, was transported to St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The victim was employed at the hospital as a radiology supervisor.

Simons is charged with aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter in the first and second degrees, assault in the second degree, aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, speeding and failure to maintain lane.

She is free on \$50,000 bail.

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