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Summations in fatal DWI crash trial set for Tuesday in Central Islip

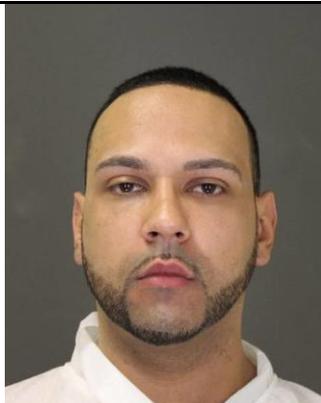
Closing arguments are scheduled for Tuesday May 26 in the aggravated vehicular homicide trial of a Flanders man, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

On January 5, 2014, Joseph Perez, 31, drove into the Hampton Bays business district and went onto the shoulder of the highway road near the Ponquogue Avenue intersection. Perez then sideswiped a parked car and struck a second automobile and its driver, 56 year old Donna Sartori of Middle Island. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The defendant after the crash had a blood alcohol level of .20.

Joseph Perez is charged with aggravated vehicular homicide, manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter, aggravated driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and leaving the scene.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho (third floor of the First District courthouse) will call the court calendar at 9:30 am.



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