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Drugged driver to be sentenced Tuesday for 2013 head-on crash

A Rocky Point man who pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of heroin last year when he crossed the centerline and crashed into a mother with her newborn in the car will be sentenced tomorrow, Tuesday (Oct. 21), in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Denis Karachopan, 25, was driving his BMW westbound on Route 25A in Shoreham on February 5, 2013 when he collided head-on with a Nissan driven by 24-year-old Nicole Loradini. She required hospitalization for serious injuries; her baby was not injured.

Karachopan pleaded guilty to heroin possession, assault and vehicular assault, both in the second degree, driving under the influence of drugs, failing to keep right and failure to stay in a designated lane. He has completed one year's course of drug rehabilitation as directed by the court and tomorrow will be sentenced to two years in jail and three years post release supervision.

Judge Richard Ambro in Riverhead 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.