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**Hit and run driver to be sentenced for leaving scene and evidence tampering**

An East Islip man is scheduled for sentencing tomorrow (Wednesday 9/28) in Riverhead for leaving the scene of a crash and tampering with evidence, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Charles Santjer of 54 Fern Avenue faces up to eight years in prison following his conviction last month after a five day trial.

Santjer, 58, struck a pedestrian, Jimmy Rice of Brentwood, who was crossing Carleton Avenue in East Islip around 3:30 on the morning of April 4, 2015. Rice suffered severe head trauma but survived.

Judge Timothy Mazzei (second floor of the courthouse) will call the court calendar at 9:30 am.

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