

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



**THOMAS J. SPOTA
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 27, 2016

Sentencing tomorrow for man convicted of vehicular manslaughter in Coram crash

A 22-year-old Port Jefferson Station man will be sentenced tomorrow (9/28) in Riverhead for his conviction on vehicular manslaughter charges, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Sabelo Ndala struck and killed Thomas Heissenbuttel, 56, of South Setauket last November when he turned into the Harley Davidson motorcycle Buttel was operating on Old Town Road south of Hawkins Road in Coram.

In addition to vehicular manslaughter charges, Ndala pleaded guilty to felony aggravated unlicensed driving and driving while ability impaired by drugs.

Two days after Thanksgiving last year Ndala was attempting to turn onto Hyson Way when his 2010 Volkswagen Jetta slammed into the motorcycle, Suffolk County police said. Buttel was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital where he died from his injuries.

Judge Stephen Braslow (third floor of the courthouse) will call the court calendar at 9:30 am Wednesday.

SCDA COMMUNICATIONS

Robert.Clifford@suffolkcountyny.gov

A criminal charge is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.