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**Efrain Lopez -Contreras Pleas Guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide**

Rochester, NY- Today, 30 year-old Efrain Lopez- Contreras pled guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated for a fatal crash which occurred on December 24, 2015. Lopez-Contreras admitted he was driving his vehicle when he crossed the double yellow line on Redman Road in the town of Clarkson and struck the victim's vehicle head-on, causing the death of 14 year-old Giana Bartolucci and inflicting serious physical injury to her father, Pastor Tony Bartolucci. The fatal crash occurred at 6:23 pm on Christmas Eve, while the father and daughter were traveling to pick up the family Christmas tree. The proof showed that Lopez-Contreras' blood alcohol content was almost three times the legal limit.

Lopez-Contreras will be sentenced to an indeterminate term of prison with a minimum of at least six years to a maximum of eighteen years for the crime of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide. He will also be sentenced to terms of prison to run concurrently for the crimes of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Bureau Chief of the DWI Bureau. "Our office extends our deepest sympathy to the victims and their family. A simple family tradition of picking up a Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve became a nightmare that should never have occurred" states Bureau Chief Benitez. "We thank the Bartolucci family and the Monroe County Sheriff's office for their cooperation throughout the investigation and prosecution."

Lopez- Contreras also has a Federal Immigration detainer and is expected to be deported to Mexico after he serves his full prison term with the New York State Department of Corrections.

Lopez-Contreras is schedule to be sentenced by Judge Joanne Winslow of the New York State Supreme Court on February 14, 2017.

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