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Mario Carlenius Sentenced to 3-9 Year in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Francis A. Affronti sentenced 39 year old Mario Carlenius to 3-9 years in state prison for his role in the November 30, 2012 drunk driving crash that left an MCC student with permanent disabilities. On that date at approximately 1:45am, Carlenius was observed by NYS Troopers traveling southbound in the northbound lane of Route 590 near the intersection of Route 490. The officers, who pursued Carlenius in multiple vehicles, were unable to stop his car or even gain his attention for a distance of more than 5 miles. Despite the officer's best efforts, the pursuit ended when Carlenius collided head-on with a vehicle operated by 20 year old Stanislav Dutchak, resulting in massive injuries to the victim including a fractured skull and traumatic brain injury. Tests later revealed that Carlenius had a blood alcohol content of .19, more than twice the legal limit.

Carlenius pled guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Assault and Aggravated DWI. The case was prosecuted for the People by Assistant District Attorney Ray Benitez, Chief of the DWI Bureau.

"I'm pleased that we were able to obtain this sentence, but saddened by the fact that incidents like this occur again and again here in Monroe County and across the country," said Benitez. "Tragedies like the one that left Stanislav Dutchak with such serious injuries are among the most preventable of all crimes. Given the public awareness efforts we've seen focused on DWI for the last two decades, there's just no excuse for it."

In addition to the prison term of 3-9 years, Carlenius will have his license revoked for 1 year and will be required to install an ignition interlock device at the conclusion of that period. He will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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