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**Dennis Conklin Convicted of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter
in the Second Degree and Driving While Intoxicated**

Rochester, NY- Yesterday, a Monroe County Jury found 43 year old Dennis Conklin guilty of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Driving While Intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or more, Driving While Intoxicated and Reckless Driving. On July 19, 2014, Conklin was driving his motorcycle with an acquaintance, Mary P. Nolan on 590 North, in the City of Rochester. Conklin was seen weaving in and out of traffic and recklessly speeding as he and his passenger approached the 490 overpass. Conklin ultimately lost control of his motorcycle striking a concrete column in the overpass. His passenger, Mary P. Nolan struck her head and was killed instantly upon impact with the concrete structure. Dennis Conklin also suffered serious injury in the accident.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney James Cole of the DWI Bureau.

“Our hope is Mary Nolan’s family will begin the healing process knowing Mr. Conklin is being held responsible for his reckless behavior on the night of July 19, 2014.”, said Senior Assistant District Attorney James Cole. “Although Dennis Conklin never intended to cause Mary Nolan’s death that evening, his decision to drive his vehicle after consuming alcohol has changed the Nolan family forever.”

Dennis Conklin is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Douglas Randall on October 9, 2015. At which time he faces a sentence of up to five to fifteen years in the Department of Corrections.

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