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Robert Rector Sentenced for Wrong-Way Crash

Rochester, NY- Today, Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran sentenced 31 year old Robert Rector to a maximum of 9 years in State prison for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide in the November 23, 2013 wrong-way crash on Interstate 490 that resulted in the death of 19 year old Khadijah McKenzie. On that date, Rector, a resident of Fairport, drove his pickup truck eastbound in the westbound lanes of the 490 and struck McKenzie's vehicle. She was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she died as a result of her injuries. A blood test showed that Rector's blood alcohol content was 0.26, more than three times the legal limit.

On October 6, 2014, Rector pled guilty to all crimes charged in the indictment: Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Vehicular Manslaughter in the First Degree, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Aggravated DWI, DWI, Reckless Driving, and Driving the Wrong Way. In addition to the prison sentence, Rector will be required to use an ignition interlock device for one year when he is released from prison.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Cole.

"DWI is the scariest crime today", said Cole. "Killings are random. Drunk drivers do not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, or religion. They do not care what you do for a living, where you live, how much money you earn, or what kind of car you drive. Drunk drivers kill children and adults. They kill the elderly and newborns. If you drive, they will hit you. If you choose to walk, they will strike you. If you stay at home, they will crash into your house. No one is safe from a drunk driver. They are everywhere. DWI is an epidemic that needs to be stopped."

Rector will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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