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**Christopher Long, Jr. Convicted by a Jury of Aggravated Vehicular  
Homicide, two counts of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and other Felony  
counts for Causing the Deaths of Aleci Lopez and Skylar Swift**

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 26-year-old Christopher Long, Jr. was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, two counts of Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more for causing the death of Aleci Lopez and Skylar Swift.

On November 22, 2024, New York State Troopers responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash near the Culver Road Exit on I-490. Upon arrival, they found a single-car crash involving a vehicle crashed into a tree. There were four individuals inside the car, which was driven by Christopher Long, Jr. 18-year-old Skylar Swift was pronounced dead at the crash site. 23-year-old Aleci Lopez suffered serious injuries and was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Following a thorough investigation by the New York State Police, it was determined that Christopher Long, Jr., who was intoxicated, was driving the vehicle east when he left the roadway, struck a barrier, overturned and struck a utility pole, before crashing into a tree near the Culver Road exit. He was arrested for causing the deaths of the victims.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

“Last year, Christopher Long, Jr. made a series of devastating decisions that claimed the lives of two innocent young women and put countless others in danger,” said Assistant District Attorney Drew Kroft. “What happened that November morning was not an accident, it was a tragedy that never had to happen. Driving under the influence is a choice, not a mistake, and in this case, it was a fatal one. Aleci Lopez and Skylar Swift should be here today, living full lives. Instead, their families are left with heartbreak and memories. I want to thank the New York State Police for their relentless work in this investigation. This conviction is more than a legal outcome, it’s a painful but necessary reminder that one selfish act can destroy many lives forever.”

“Aleci Lopez and Skylar Swift were full of life, hope, and promise,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “They had plans, families who loved them, and futures that were stolen. Christopher Long, Jr.’s reckless and selfish choices led to unthinkable loss, not only for Aleci and Skylar, but for every person who loved them. He chose to drink. He chose to drive. And he chose to ignore the warning of a passenger who begged him to slow down. Those choices shattered lives. The pain their families carry is permanent. While nothing can bring these young women back to their families, we sincerely hope that today’s jury conviction delivers some justice for these two young women.”

Christopher Long, Jr. will be sentenced on August 26, 2025 in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh.

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