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S.I. Woman Sentenced to 22 1/3 Years to Life in '06 Fatal DWI Crash

******Taliyah Taylor, 26, Sentenced in State Supreme Court Following Murder Conviction at Trial******

STATEN ISLAND, NY - Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that a 26-year-old Staten Island woman has been sentenced to 22 1/3 years to life in prison following her conviction on charges of 2nd degree murder, reckless endangerment in the 1st degree and driving under the influence of drugs in relation to an October 2006 fatal DWI incident in the defendant fatally struck a Staten Island attorney, a pedestrian crossing Forest Avenue.

Richmond County Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Collini, who presided over the trial, sentenced the defendant today following her conviction at trial on October 24, 2008.

On the evening of October 18, 2006, the defendant, Taliyah Taylor (DOB: 2/28/1982), of Pine Place, Staten Island, while driving with a revoked license, impaired by the drugs Ecstasy and Marijuana, without headlights on, crossed a double yellow line into oncoming traffic at an excessive rate of speed, then passed through a steady red light and struck a pedestrian, Larry Simon, immediately causing his death. Mr. Simon, 41, was a Staten Island attorney and former assistant district attorney. The defendant was arrested immediately after the incident and has been held without bail since that time.

Assistant District Attorney Mario Mattei, Chief of the Investigations Bureau, and Janet Silvers, Deputy Bureau Chief, prosecuted the case. The defendant was represented by Christopher Renfroe, Esq.

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