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SENTENCE FOR SPEEDING, DRUNK DRIVER
Mom of Twin Toddlers Struck Down in Van Nest/West Farms Crash

(Bronx, NY – June 29, 2015) – Bronx County District Attorney Robert Johnson announces that 29-year-old AGUSTUS JENKINS of Montgomery, NY, has been sentenced to the maximum sentence of 1-1/3-to-4 years behind bars for the January 2014 death of the mother of twin toddlers, NYDJA HERRING, of the Bronx.

JENKINS was found guilty of Criminally Negligent Homicide, a Class E Felony, following an 11-day trial before Justice Peter Benitez, during which the jury returned their verdict on June 4th after less than a day’s deliberation.

The 32-year-old victim was crossing the street at East Tremont and Van Nest Avenues, on the way to the store to buy milk for her twin toddlers, when she was struck by JENKINS’ speeding vehicle. He was behind the wheel but had a friend with him, along with two children aged 4 and 11. Blood alcohol tests showed he was operating the vehicle above the legal limit. He was also driving on a suspended license. Ironically, JENKINS was coming back from the wake for a baby who had died from SIDS.

Not only were NYDJA HERRING’s two 2-year-olds left without a mother, the victim’s own mother was scheduled to receive a kidney from her daughter. HERRING’s mother is still on the organ transplant list.

The case against AGUSTUS JENKINS was prosecuted by Assistant D.A. Morgan Dolan of Trial Bureau 20/50.

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