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**YONKERS MAN SENTENCED TO 2 ½ to 7 ½ YEARS IN PRISON FOR KILLING  
PEDESTRIAN WHILE DRUNK DRIVING IN BRONX  
Victim Was Father of Two Children**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Yonkers man has been sentenced to two-and-a-half to seven-and-a-half years in prison for fatally striking a pedestrian in the Bronx while driving with a blood alcohol content more than three times the state's legal limit.

District Attorney Clark said, "Due to the defendant's reckless actions, two young girls must grow up without their father. Driving while intoxicated is irresponsible and can result in tragedies like this one. The defendant will now spend time in prison and we hope this measure of justice can help ease the pain for the victim's family."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Jorge Hernaiz, 46, of Yonkers, a retired NYPD police officer, was sentenced today by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus to 2 ½ to 7 ½ years in prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide on June 13, 2017.

According to the investigation, on May 31, 2015, Hernaiz was driving in the area of Broadway and West 254<sup>th</sup> St., when he fatally struck Marino Nunez, 34. The defendant told police he had drunk a bottle of vodka, and a blood test showed his blood alcohol content was 0.25 at the time he was apprehended by police.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney L. Newton Mendys, Supervisor of the Homicide Bureau under the supervision of Christine Scaccia, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Officer Michael Heit and Lt. James Hynes both of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their assistance in this case.

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