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Springfield Man Sentenced for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

State v. Harinder Matharu, 2014-CR-1117

DAYTON, OH (12/15/2015) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 41-year-old **Harinder Matharu**, of Springfield, was sentenced for causing the traffic crash that killed 21-year-old Amanda Looman, of Wintersville, Ohio, on October 13, 2013.

On October 13, 2013, the defendant was traveling north on State Route 235, in Huber Heights, at a high rate of speed when he crossed the double-yellow line dividing the northbound and southbound lanes, and crashed head-on into a vehicle being driven by the victim. At the time of the crash, the defendant had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system and was driving without a valid license. Ms. Looman was hospitalized and later died as the result of blunt force head injuries she sustained in the crash.

On May 22, 2014 the defendant was indicted for aggravated vehicular homicide, for driving under the influence and without a valid license. The defendant was found guilty as charged on October 22, 2015.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to 7 years in prison, which is mandatory, was ordered to pay \$14,817 in restitution, and received a lifetime driver's license suspension, which is also mandatory. Because the defendant is not a United States Citizen, he will be subject to deportation when he has served his prison sentence.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "People need to plan ahead with good judgement and not drive impaired. There are many other options available – designated drivers, cabs, Uber, and during holidays the ArriveSafe Program. It shouldn't take a deadly crash such as this to convince people to drink responsibly and not drive impaired."

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