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ROCKLAND WOMAN ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES THAT SHE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS WHEN SHE CRASHED AND KILLED NORWELL MAN

BROCKTON – A Rockland woman pleaded not guilty to charges that she was allegedly under the influence of alcohol and drugs when she caused a fatal crash that killed an off-duty Randolph police officer, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today in Brockton Superior Court, Kaleigh Davidson, 35, pleaded not guilty to one count each of Vehicular Manslaughter while Under the Influence of Alcohol, Vehicular Manslaughter while Under the Influence of Drugs, Aggravated Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon Upon a Person Over 60. The Commonwealth requested that Davidson be held on \$50,000 cash bail. Judge Mark Hallal released Davidson on personal recognizance with the conditions that Davidson refrain from driving, remain drug and alcohol free with random screens, stay away and have no contact with the victim's family, and wear a GPS monitoring ankle bracelet and remain in Massachusetts. Davidson was indicted on the charges on December 16, 2022.

On May 14, 2022 at approximately 6:20 a.m., Massachusetts State Police received several 911 calls reporting a two-car crash along Route 3 South in the town of Hingham. Members of the State Police and Hingham Fire Department arrived on scene and discovered a male victim in the roadway and his motor vehicle crashed and rested in the median. The victim was pronounced deceased on scene and was identified as Michael Beal, 61, of Norwell. Beal served for 35 years with the Randolph Police Department. He was a loving husband, and cherished father to eight children, and grandfather to six grandchildren.

Davidson's vehicle was stationary in the breakdown lane of Route 3 South with heavy front-end damage to the vehicle. She was transported to South Shore Hospital with minor injuries.

Through their investigation, Massachusetts State Police determined that Davidson was speeding over 100 miles per hour and under the influence of alcohol, Suboxone, Benzodiazepines and marijuana at the time of the fatal crash.

Davidson is next scheduled to appear in court on May 1, 2023.

Assistant District Attorneys David Cutshall and Dan Higgins are prosecuting the case, which was investigated by Massachusetts State Police.