

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



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Probation, Community Service for repeat drunk driver

A 58 year old East Hampton real estate broker who pleaded guilty to driving drunk for the second time in two years was sentenced this afternoon to five years' probation with drug, alcohol, and ignition interlock conditions and 840 hours of community service.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office recommended the maximum one and one-third to four year sentence for Charlotte DePersia.

The defendant lost control of her SUV on November 27, 2010 and drove into the oncoming lane, colliding with a car on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton in November of last year.

DA Thomas Spota said the defendant deserved time in prison to protect the safety of motorists. At the time of last year's accident, the defendant was on probation for a 2009 DWI.

"The time has come when she should be spending some time behind bars," District Attorney Spota said. "She's had her chance and yet she made the decision to drink and drive."

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