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Motorcyclist involved in fatal east end crash pleads guilty

A motorcyclist whose girlfriend died when he crashed while being pursued by East Hampton Town police pleaded guilty this afternoon to all of the charges in a ten count indictment.

Matthew J. Byank, 21, of Manorville is free on \$50,000 bond. He will be sentenced on July 18.

Lauren M. Parris, 19, of Mastic Beach, was thrown from Byank's 2006 Suzuki motorcycle and died after the crash on Montauk Highway in Amagansett in May of 2010.

Byank pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree, unlawful fleeing a police officer in the third degree, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, driving without a valid driver's license, two counts of speeding, failing to keep right, crossing over a double yellow line, overtaking on the left and failing to exhibit a valid certificate of inspection.

Justice C. Randall Hinrichs promised a sentencing cap of 3-9 years' imprisonment in an upstate correctional facility.

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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.