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Press Release

HOUGH'S NECK MAN ADMITS TO CRASH THAT KILLED WIFE

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A Quincy man with a history of driving problems has pled guilty to fatally running over his wife outside their Hough's Neck home in November of 2012.

"Michael Rivard was sentenced to 20 months incarceration in the House of Corrections for the crash that killed Beatrice Rivard," Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the plea. "Following his release, he will have supervised probation with conditions including that he not drive – or his probation could be revoked and he could be sent back to jail."

Rivard, 49, of Sea Street, pled guilty in Quincy District Court to the three charges against him: Motor Vehicle Homicide due to Negligent Operation; Operating a Motor Vehicle after License Suspension; and Unsafe Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Assistant Norfolk District Attorney James McLaughlin asked for the maximum allowable sentence of 2.5 years in the House of Correction on the Negligent Motor Vehicle Homicide charge and 10 days in the House of Correction on the Operating After License Suspension. Defense attorney Raffi Yessayan asked for Guilty 2 years in the House of Correction, 1 year to serve and the balance suspended for 1 year on the Negligent Motor Vehicle Homicide and Guilty 10 days committed on the Operating After License Suspension.

Judge Robert Ziemian ordered 2.5 years in the House of Correction with 20 months to serve and the balance suspended for three years with no driving as a condition of the defendant's supervised probation and 10 days in the House of Correction on the OAS charge to be served concurrently.

"We thank the Quincy Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police for their work in the investigation and accident reconstruction work that supported these charges," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We extend our sympathies to Beatrice's surviving family and friends."