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Commonwealth v. Caytlin Kiona Emmett-Wallace
Judge Sentences Drunk Driver above the guidelines for 2 counts of
Aggravated Involuntary Manslaughter and DUI

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Caytlin Kiona Emmett-Wallace, age 23, was sentenced today for Aggravated Involuntary Manslaughter (2 counts) and DUI. Circuit Court Judge Les Lilley sentenced Emmett-Wallace to forty (40) years twelve (1)2 months in prison with twenty-eight (28) years suspended, leaving twelve (12) years twelve (12) months to serve. The Virginia Sentencing Guidelines' recommendation were 4 years 1 month to 10 years 2 months.

Emmett-Wallace pled guilty on November 13, 2019. Had this matter gone to trial, the Commonwealth's evidence would have proven that at approximately 3:30 a.m. on March 3, 2019, Caytlin Emmett-Wallace, who drove impaired, struck another vehicle, killing two of its occupants. Emmett-Wallace had been drinking with friends at a bar on Holland Road from 11:18 p.m. to 1:47 a.m. Video from the bar shows her drinking 4-5 mixed drinks (one of which appears to be a Long Island Iced Tea) and a Heineken. She left the bar as a passenger in another vehicle and was supposed to stay the night at a friend's house; however, she left that house after others went to bed.

The victims, Kimberly Stewart, age 30, and Felicia Parrish, age 26, were traveling to Felicia's house from Waffle House with another friend driving. They rode on Providence Road near Newmarket Drive. This section of roadway has one lane of travel in each direction and is divided by solid double lines. The driver of the victim's car was not impaired. As Emmett-Wallace approached the victims' vehicle in their lane at a high rate of speed, the driver of the victims' vehicle unsuccessfully tried to avoid the collision. One second before the collision, Emmett-Wallace was travelling 73 m.p.h. and did not apply the brakes. The driver of the victims' vehicle applied her brakes as she attempted to avoid being struck, and was travelling at 11 m.p.h. at the time of impact. The speed limit is 35 m.p.h.

Parrish died on scene, and Stewart was transported to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries two days later. The driver in the victims' vehicle was taken to the hospital, treated for several injuries, and released. Emmett-Wallace was also taken to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries. Her blood was later tested by the Department of Forensic Science and showed that her BAC was .17. She also had evidence of marijuana use in her system. A search of Emmett-Wallace revealed six beer caps, a pill bottle in her jacket pocket that smelled of marijuana, and two additional beer bottle caps in her purse. She admitted to drinking at her friend's house, and stated, "I was driving outside my means," and "I knew that I probably shouldn't have been driving."

Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Scott M. Lang and Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Wendy Alexander prosecuted this case. Please contact Macie Allen if additional information is desired.

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