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Jennie Clark Sentenced to 20 Years for Causing the Death of Matthew Clark

Rochester, NY- On October 20, 2022, 44-year-old Jennie Clark was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano to 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. She previously pled guilty to Attempted Murder in the Second Degree and Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree for causing the death of Matthew Clark.

In the early morning hours of July 4, 2021, Jennie Clark was driving her husband and three children home from a social gathering. During the drive home, an argument ensued between Mrs. Clark and her husband, Matthew Clark, which led her to drive her vehicle off the road and into a telephone pole on the side of Colby Street, in the Town of Ogden. Matthew Clark was killed upon impact and the children suffered no injuries. Upon police arrival, it was determined that the defendant was under the influence of alcohol and intoxicated at the time she committed this act.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Janna Koch, of the DWI Bureau.

“The actions of Jennie Clark risked the lives of her entire family and ultimately cause the death of Matthew Clark,” said Assistant District Attorney Balling. “While the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office is pleased that Ms. Clark is taking responsibility for her actions, nothing will bring back the life of Matthew. We hope that Mr. Clark’s friends and family can find comfort in today’s sentence and continue their grief outside the criminal justice system.”

“Matthew Clark lost his life due to the depraved and senseless actions of Jennie Clark,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “This was a completely avoidable tragedy that resulted in three children losing their father, and now their mother for the next twenty years. It is our hope that Jennie Clark will spend the next twenty years contemplating her actions that took the life of her husband.”

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