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**Alexander Hackett Sentenced to 6-18 Years for Aggravated Vehicular
Homicide**

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 33-year-old Alexander Hackett was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi to an indeterminate sentence of 6 years to 18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections. The defendant pled guilty to the indictment, which included two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and any Drug or Drugs. On June 2, 2024, Alexander Hackett caused the death of 18-year-old Maria Eichas by operating his motor vehicle at high speeds while under the influence of alcohol and cannabis.

Shortly after 1:00AM on June 2, 2024, Alexander Hackett was driving at speeds over 90 miles per hour on Burritt Road in the Town of Parma, where the posted speed limit is 45 miles per hour. The defendant previously drank alcohol before driving his car. While driving, Alexander Hackett struck a parked vehicle, with 18-year-old Maria Eichas in the driver's seat, killing her instantly. Another 18-year-old female was in the passenger seat of the vehicle and was seriously injured. Maria and her friend were parked outside a house on Burritt Road with their car lights on, waiting to safely pick up friends from a party.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office responded to this devastating scene and arrested Alexander Hackett for the homicide.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

“Alexander Hackett made a choice that night in June. He made a choice to drink. He made a choice to drive. He made a choice to speed. All of these choices resulted in the tragic death of 18-year-old Maria Eichas,” said Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez. “I must thank the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office for conducting a detailed investigation that resulted in today’s admission of guilt. I must also commend Maria’s friends and family, especially her parents and brother who have suffered one of the greatest losses imaginable. Maria was a young woman with a promising future ahead of her, and our community is worse off because of this loss. I am pleased that the defendant showed remorse and was willing to admit to his actions that took one young life and traumatized a second victim. I wish the best for Maria’s family during this tragic time and pray for a continued recovery for the second young woman forever impacted by Alexander Hackett’s actions.”

“By all accounts, Maria Eichas was an incredible young woman. She was a scholar, a musician, a loving daughter and sister, and she was being an amazing friend when she died as a direct result of Alexander Hackett’s choices,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Although the defendant admitted guilt and is being sent to state prison, nothing will bring back this 18-year-old who had so much to offer. Maria’s death was not an accident, it was a crash. A crash caused by the defendant’s choice to drink and drive. It is my hope that before anyone gets behind the wheel of a car after consuming alcohol or drugs, they think of Maria Eichas and her family. My heart goes out to the Eichas family and the second young victim who continues to recover from that terrible night.”

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