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Press Release

Wellesley woman sentenced in Needham fatal

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The Wellesley woman convicted of motor vehicle homicide for running over a Needham teen in February 2018 has been sentenced to six months in jail, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Assistant District Attorneys Adam Lally and Sean Riley asked Judge Beverly Cannone to impose a 2 ½ year sentence with 2 years to serve, and the balance suspended for three years of probation oversight," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The judge gave 2 ½ with 6 months to serve and the balance suspended for two years. The only condition of that probation is that Dania Antoine Guiteau not drive. The conviction also comes with a mandatory license loss of 15 years to life."

The maximum penalty for motor vehicle homicide if the operator is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs is 2 ½ years in a house of correction.

The parents of victim Talia Newfield made a joint impact statement to Judge Cannone prior to her passing sentence. Newfield was just 16 and a student at Needham High School when Antoine-Guiteau pulled out and around the car stopped in front of her that had just struck Newfield and her friend Adrienne Garrido as they crossed in a crosswalk near Needham High School.

"I thank the Needham Police Department and Massachusetts State Police for their thorough investigation, and Assistant District Attorneys Lally and Riley for their work in this trial," District Attorney Morrissey said after the sentencing. "But my thoughts are primarily with the Newfield family, who have shown great patience and resolve in seeing this through, and the Garrido family for their awful loss."

The driver of the first car, Robert Berry, is set for trial February 28, 2023.

Judge Cannone ordered Antoine-Guiteau, 56, to report January 3, 2023 to begin serving her sentence.