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**Tyngsborough Woman Pleads Guilty in Connection with August 2017 Motor Vehicle Homicide**

WOBURN – Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced that Lynn DeWolfe, 52, of Tyngsborough, pleaded guilty today in Middlesex Superior Court in connection with the death of Christopher Weisz, 42, of Bedford. DeWolfe pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, 3rd offense, motor vehicle homicide, operating a motor vehicle to endanger and three counts of leaving the scene of property damage.

Judge Bruce Henry sentenced the defendant to three to five years in State Prison followed by ten years probation. Judge Henry also ordered the defendant not to consume illegal drugs, alcohol or marijuana and to be subject to random screens, to undergo a substance abuse evaluation and comply with any recommended treatment, to undergo a mental health evaluation and comply with any recommended treatment, to not operate a motor vehicle, to not apply for a reinstatement of her driver's license in Massachusetts or any other state during the probationary period and to perform 50 hours of community service each year of her probation.

On August 24, 2017, at approximately 8:17 a.m., while the defendant was operating a Saab sedan on Route 3 South in the area of Billerica, a 911 call was placed by a motorist that the defendant appeared to be driving erratically. At approximately 8:55 a.m., the defendant rear-ended a car on Route 3 South in Burlington. State Police responded to the crash and the scene was cleared at 9:14 a.m. At approximately 9:30 a.m., the defendant rear-ended a Subaru sedan on 128 North in Reading. After the Subaru was struck by DeWolfe, it turned to the left, struck the center median and faced South on 128 North in the high speed breakdown lane.

The Subaru then proceeded in the breakdown lane on Route 128 for approximately 2,000 feet traveling South in the North lane. The Subaru collided with a motorcycle operated by Christopher Weisz who was driving North on Route 128 in the left high speed lane. The defendant then fled the scene striking two other motor vehicles before she collided with a median and her vehicle came to a complete stop.

The defendant was arrested on scene after she failed to complete field sobriety tests. Following her arrest a Massachusetts State Police Drug Recognition Expert conducted an evaluation of the defendant and determined that she was under the influence of drugs that impaired her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The prosecutor assigned to this case was Assistant District Attorney Julie Kunkel. The Victim Witness Advocate was Danielle DeMeo.