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**FAR ROCKAWAY MAN INDICTED FOR DRIVING DRUNK WITH HIS CHILDREN IN THE  
CAR AND CRASHING INTO SCHOOL BUS**

*Defendant Allegedly Drove Erratically Before Crash;  
Three Children, Bus Driver Injured*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Junior Deslances was indicted for aggravated vehicular assault, aggravated driving while intoxicated, endangering the welfare of a child and other crimes for allegedly driving his three children to school while under the influence, speeding and then crossing a double yellow line and hitting a school bus head on. All three children were injured, two of them seriously.

District Attorney Katz said: “The defendant, as alleged, made the irresponsible and selfish decision to get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol and consuming marijuana, putting the lives of his own children at risk as well as everyone else on the road. There is absolutely no excuse for driving while impaired and the grand jury returned very serious charges against the defendant.”

Deslances, 42, of Broad Channel Drive in Far Rockaway, was arraigned yesterday on a 21-count indictment charging him with three counts of aggravated vehicular assault, three counts of vehicular assault in the first degree, vehicular assault in the second degree, three counts of aggravated driving while intoxicated, three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, two counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle while impaired by combined use of drugs or of alcohol and drugs, operating a motor vehicle while impaired by use of drugs, reckless driving, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, operating a motor vehicle without a passenger properly restrained with seatbelt or safety seat and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

He faces up to five to 15 years in prison if convicted. Supreme Court Justice Michael Hartofilis ordered Deslances to return to court on February 4.

District Attorney Katz said that, according to the charges and court records, on November 18, 2024, at approximately 8:25 a.m., Deslances was driving his three children, ages 15, 11 and 5, to school on Brookville Boulevard. The three children were in the back seat of the 2008 Accura SUV.

Deslances was allegedly speeding and following too closely behind another vehicle. When the driver of that car braked, Deslances – in an effort to pass that vehicle – crossed the double yellow line on the two-lane road, hitting another vehicle and then the school bus head on.

Just before the crash, the two older children removed their seatbelts and buckled them over their younger sibling who was not belted.

The oldest child was taken to the hospital with multiple fractures to the face. The 11-year-old suffered multiple spinal cord fractures and a deep cut to the face. The youngest was treated for a cut to the head. The school bus driver was treated for head pain and nausea.

Deslances’ blood alcohol content was .17 percent, above the DWI threshold of .08 percent. He also tested positive for the presence of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

Deslances was allegedly driving at the time of crash with a suspended license.

A court-authorized search of the defendant’s car found multiple marijuana cigarettes and an open bottle of beer.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Cox of District Attorney’s Vehicular Homicide Unit within the Homicide Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jonathan

Selkowe, Unit Chief, John Kosinski, Homicide Bureau Chief, and Karen Ross, Deputy Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Shawn Clark.

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