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**DRIVER ARRAIGNED FOR 2019 CHRISTMAS DAY CRASH THAT KILLED FATHER OF
FOUR FROM LONG ISLAND**

*Defendant was Allegedly Traveling 74 MPH When He Struck Ainsley Dalrymple;
Defendant Left United States on One-Way Ticket to Guyana Two Weeks After Crash*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Ravindra Dharamjit was indicted on manslaughter, reckless driving and other charges for killing a 67-year-old pedestrian on Christmas Day 2019. The defendant was allegedly speeding at nearly three times the posted speed limit when he killed the father of four, who was leaving a Christmas dinner at his son's house.

District Attorney Katz said: "The defendant is accused of driving 74 miles an hour – nearly three times the legal speed limit – when he struck and killed Ainsley Dalrymple. Rather than stop the vehicle and render aid, the defendant allegedly continued speeding through a busy intersection and later fled the country on a one-way ticket to Guyana. My office and our police partners never give up on cases and today we arraigned this defendant, nearly five years after the fatal crash."

Dharamjit, 26, of 124th Street in South Ozone Park, was arraigned on a seven-count indictment on charges of manslaughter in the second degree, criminally negligent homicide, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an incident without reporting, failing to obey passing safety markers, driving in excess of the maximum speed limit and operating a vehicle at unreasonable speed.

He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted. Acting Supreme Court Justice Danielle Hartman remanded the defendant and ordered him to return to court on August 27.

According to the charges:

- On December 25, 2019, at approximately 9:28 p.m., Ainsley Dalrymple, a father of four from Hempstead, was attempting to cross Rockaway Boulevard between 113th Street and 114th Street. The defendant, allegedly operating Toyota Tundra pickup truck, was traveling at approximately 74 miles per hour, in a 25 mile an hour zone, when he struck Dalrymple.
- The 67-year-old man was transported to a local hospital with severe head trauma, body and lower torso trauma, and succumbed to his injuries.
- After the collision, the defendant allegedly drove through a steady red light at Rockaway Boulevard and Linden Boulevard, traveled on the wrong side of the road and fled the scene.
- The defendant allegedly left the United States on January 9, 2020, on a one-way ticket from John F. Kennedy International Airport to Guyana.
- District Attorney Katz's Extraditions Unit worked closely with the U.S. Marshals to locate Dharamjit in Guyana and return him to New York so that he could be held to answer the charges filed against him.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Cox of District Attorney's Vehicular Homicide Unit within the Homicide Bureau is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauszpigel under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jonathan Selkove, 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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