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## BX. DWI CRASHER LEFT PAL TO DIE: COPS

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April 22, 2007 -- A drunken driver crashed into the back of a tractor-trailer on the Cross Bronx Expressway and ran away, leaving his passenger to die, police said yesterday.

The driver, Glenn Salera, 29, was tracked down at the Throgs Neck home where the car he abandoned is registered.

His passenger, Carmen Irizarry, 36, was rushed to Jacobi Hospital, where she died a short time later.

Salera had been driving a 1992 Nissan Pathfinder west on the expressway near Westchester Avenue at around 9 p.m. Friday when he slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer that had been slowed by traffic ahead.

Police said the front-passenger side of the SUV bore the brunt of the impact after Salera, who was allegedly intoxicated and speeding at the time, swerved to the left to avoid hitting the truck. Salera, who suffered minor cuts to his face, jumped from the wreck and ran, police said. Stunned witnesses called paramedics for Irizarry, also of The Bronx.

The truck driver, a 44-year-old Louisiana man, was uninjured.

Salera refused to take a Breathalyzer test after police arrested him. He was charged with vehicular manslaughter, leaving the scene of an accident and driving while intoxicated. Records show he was involved in two car accidents last year, and has been ticketed three times in the past year for not wearing a seat belt.

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