



UPDATED: 07 :41 a.m. EDT, March 03, 2007 Syracuse, Partly Sunny with Flurries 30° F • Complete Forecast | Home P



SEARCH: Enter Keyword(s) GO!

NEWS SPORTS FORUMS BLOGS MULTIMEDIA ENTERTAINMENT MORE TOPICS JO

Syracuse.com - Articles - News

The Post-Standard

- Subscribe
- Today's Paper & More



Driver gets 18 years to life for fatal crash

Thursday, March 01, 2007

The Associated Press

Mineola - A drunken driver was sentenced Wednesday to 18 years to life in prison for a rare murder conviction in the deaths of a limousine chauffeur and a 7-year-old flower girl heading home from a wedding.

Emotional relatives of the two victims faced Martin Heidgen, 25, in the courtroom and told him about their loss, while each urged the judge to give him the maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

Heidgen showed no reaction to his lighter sentence, while Neil Flynn, whose daughter died in the July 2005 crash, grimaced in disappointment.

Advertisement

CONTINUE STORY

- RELATED PHOTOS**
- Photos of the Day 03.02.2007
 - Destiny Update
 - Fort Drum troops in Afghanistan
 - More Photos

- TOP HEADLINES**
- Act of kindness changed his life
 - Charitable agency's warehouse floods
 - Court Roundup
 - More Stories
 - 14-Day Archive

- BLOGS**
- Breaking News**
- Roof caves in, wall buckles on Nelson Street house 7:07 p.m. ET
 - Building near Fowler High School collapses 6:48 p.m. ET
 - City man gets 50 years in bank heists 4:00 p.m. ET
 - More Blog

FORUMS

Talk about this story and more in the forum.

- NewsWatch Forum

NewsWatch



Heidgen had downed at least 14 drinks when his pickup truck, driving the wrong way on a Long Island parkway, struck the wedding limousine head-on and killed Stanley Rabinowitz,

- [Ann Coulter at it again by Auborange 03/03/2007 3:05 a.m. ET](#)
- [It's funny that Dean by Harracuse 03/03/2007 7:01 a.m. ET](#)
- [Israel to Supply Armored... by phantom00 03/03/2007 12:47 a.m. ET](#)
- [More Posts](#)

More Hot Topics

- [Crime & Safety Forum](#)
- [CNY Politics Forum](#)
- [Business Forum](#)
- [SU Basketball Forum](#)
- [TV & Radio Forum](#)
- [All Forums](#)

59, and Katie Flynn.

Prosecutors, who showed jurors a video of the crash several times during the trial, contend Heidgen never tried to stop and turned slightly toward the limousine moments before impact.



[Home](#) | [News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Forums](#) | [Blogs](#) | [Multimedia](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Autos](#) | [Real Complete Forecast](#) | [RSS Feeds](#) | [RSS Terms and Conditions](#) | [Site Index](#) | [About Us](#) | [C](#)



• [Subscribe to The Post-Standard](#)

© 2007 Syracuse Online, LLC. All Rights Reserved. Use of this site constitutes acceptan Agreement.