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**PUTNAM JURY CONVICTS DEFENDANT OF
FELONY DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**

CARMEL, NEW YORK – MARCH 27, 2017: Putnam County District Attorney Robert V. Tendy announced today that Brian R. Morgan of Brooklyn, New York was convicted in Putnam County Court by twelve jurors on Monday, March 27 for the crime of Felony Driving While Intoxicated.

Trooper David Jenkins from NYSP observed defendant Morgan's vehicle at 6:30am on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Putnam Valley coming up behind him at a rapid rate of speed. The Trooper turned on his rear radar detector and clocked Morgan at 82 MPH.

After pulling over the vehicle, the Trooper smelled alcohol on Morgan's breath and noticed that Morgan's eyes were blood shot. After Morgan failed various field sobriety tests he refused to take a chemical breath test and was placed under arrest.

Morgan has two prior convictions and faces a maximum of 2 1/3 – 7 years' incarceration on this current conviction. "Defendants like Morgan, repeat offenders of Driving While Intoxicated, need to be prosecuted vigorously and held accountable for the danger they put others in. ADA Melissa Lynch put a lot of time into this prosecution and I'm very proud of the work she did," Tendy said.

The defendant is currently being held at the Putnam County Jail and is scheduled for sentence May 31 before the Honorable Judge James T. Rooney.