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PUTNAM DA ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR AGGRAVATED DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

CARMEL, NEW YORK – August 23, 2018: District Attorney Robert Tendy announced today the conviction after a trial by jury of Clayton Edmonds for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, an E Felony.

On 11/22/17 Edmonds was driving from the Saw Mill Parkway onto I-684. Three 911 calls for erratic driving were made to Westchester 911. Edmonds proceeded to hit the guardrail on I-684 multiple times and swerved across all lanes of traffic.

Members of the Westchester County Police and New York State Police pursued Edmonds and he was pulled over after the driver's side tire came off his vehicle past the Hardscrabble Road exit in Putnam County. Edmonds had an 8 year old child in the car with him. Police officers observed that Edmonds had an odor of alcohol, bloodshot watery eyes, and impaired motor coordination. He failed DWI field sobriety tests and then refused to take a chemical breath test to determine his blood alcohol level. The case was tried in Putnam County Court by Assistant District Attorney Melissa Lynch. Sentencing by Judge James Rooney is scheduled for October 24. Edmonds has seven prior convictions.