

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts man in fatal racing crash

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Today, a jury found Robert Vincent Dahlke guilty for his role in the 2013 wreck that killed 23-year-old Jazmyn Ivanna Gill. The trial began June 8, 2015, in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Dahlke, 51, was tried for involuntary manslaughter. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced him to 13-25 months in prison.

In April 2013, Dahlke and his codefendant, Bhargavkumar Patel, were racing along N.C. Highway 51 in Pineville when Patel lost control of his vehicle and struck a car being driven by Ms. Gill, who was traveling in the opposite direction. She soon died at an area hospital. Patel was injured and pinned in his vehicle. Dahlke did not strike either vehicle, but he did not stop, and he fled the scene. When Dahlke was later identified as the driver who was racing with Patel, investigators found scratches caused by debris from the wreck on his vehicle.



Robert Dahlke

Dahlke has a long history of traffic infractions, including multiple convictions for speeding and careless or negligent driving in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

In September 2014, Patel pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter in connection with this incident.

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