

CARLINVILLE- Macoupin County State's Attorney Jennifer A. Watson announced today that Judge Kenneth R. Deihl has accepted the negotiated plea sentencing 30 year old Billy Lindsey of Carlinville to 7 years for his role in a crash that led to the death of Stephanie G. Mersman. Lindsey entered a plea of guilty to one count of Aggravated Driving under the Influence of Alcohol.

The allegation stems from a May 8, 2010 crash on Route 108 Eastbound at Hagaman Road in Macoupin County, Illinois. Lindsey, who was under the influence of alcohol, lost control of the 2007 Blue Chevrolet Malibu, crashing it off the side of the road. Ms. Mersman was pronounced dead at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash.

"Ms. Mersman was taken from her family long before her time due to the action of Mr. Lindsey," said Watson. "It is my hope that her family can find solace in today's sentence."

Lindsey has been in custody of Illinois Department of Corrections since July 12, 2010 serving a 2 year sentence for Domestic Battery and Possession of a Controlled Substance.