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Cops: Her 2nd DWI

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A Mastic woman accused of being drunk while wrong-way driving on an expressway last spring now faces charges in an alcohol-fueled hit-and-run in Bellport, police said Friday.

Jacqueline Vaughan-Moscatiello, 46, who pleaded guilty in the June wrong-way driving incident, was driving near Station Road and Montauk Highway about 4:25 p.m. when she hit a Ford Explorer and fled, police said. Officers responding to the crash stopped her a short distance away.

Vaughan-Moscatiello was arrested and charged with felony drunken driving, aggravated unlicensed operation and leaving the scene of an accident.

The driver of the Explorer was taken to an East Patchogue hospital for treatment for head and neck injuries, police said. Vaughan-Moscatiello was also taken to the hospital after complaining of chest pains. Her scheduled Friday arraignment was postponed.

On June 16, Vaughan-Moscatiello was at the wheel of a 2003 Suzuki Grand Vitara at 12:55 a.m. when she passed a Suffolk County sheriff's deputy parked next to the Long Island Expressway in Holbrook.

The deputy said she was headed eastbound in the westbound lanes when she crossed all three lanes and entered the HOV lane. She initially ignored the deputy's lights and sirens but pulled over a short distance away, according to a sheriff spokesman.

Vaughan-Moscatiello later pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and was sentenced on Oct. 14 to three years of probation and a fine of \$750. Her driver's license was also revoked.

Following several wrong-way drunken-driving arrests in recent months on Long Island, state transportation officials have begun inspecting hundreds of highway entrances and exits across Long Island.

A Moscatiello family member said she does not have an attorney and declined to comment further.

With Stacey Altherr



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Mob legend John "Sonny" **Franzese**, 93, was sentenced to to 8 years in prison for **racketeering**.

Franzese gets 8 years

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Colombo family legend John "Sonny" **Franzese** was sentenced Friday in federal court to 8 years in prison for **racketeering** — a term that could keep the 93-year-old ex-underboss in prison past his 100th birthday, if he lives that long.

Judge Brian Cogan, in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, imposed the sentence despite appeals from **Franzese's** lawyer for leniency based on a variety of ailments, including partial blindness and deafness, gout, and heart and kidney problems.

Prosecutors, on the other hand, asked for an even tougher sentence of more than 12 years, based on a criminal history that included involvement in dozens of murders and shakedowns during more than a half-century at the top level of the New York mob that made **Franzese** Long Island's best-known hoodlum as

far back as the 1960s.

"He has never held an honest job for a day of his life," said prosecutor Christina Posa. "He has essentially lived as a parasite off the hard work of others by shaking them down. For him to die now as a criminal in jail is not an inappropriate response to the life he has lived."

During the hearing Friday, **Franzese's** lawyer complained that his client, who uses a wheelchair, was having a hard time hearing because his hearing aid battery had failed. When asked if he had anything to say, **Franzese** mumbled something to his lawyer about not getting a fair shake, but declined the opportunity to address Cogan.

In his salad days, living in suburban Roslyn, **Franzese** was a key mob link to New York City's nightclub and recording industries, a friend to celebrities who helped glamorize the mob culture. One of his sons, Michael, also became a major Long Island

mob figure, raking in millions through a gas-tax scam.

Sonny **Franzese** spent most of the last four decades in prison on a bank robbery conviction and five subsequent parole violations. In the latest case, he was convicted last year of shaking down an Albertson pizzeria and two Manhattan strip clubs based on tapes made by another son, John **Franzese** Jr., who became a government informant.

Cogan said that **Franzese's** age and medical condition were powerful mitigating factors, but even taking them into account, he couldn't discount **Franzese's** life of crime enough to impose a sentence that would do him much good.

"I can't apply the factors in any way to get to a sentence that he is likely to survive," Cogan said.

Franzese, hunched over his cane, said nothing when the sentence was imposed or when he was wheeled out.

Woman found dead in bitter cold

Homicide detectives are investigating the death of a woman found along Route 25A in Rocky Point to determine whether she died from exposure amid bitterly cold overnight temperatures Thursday.

Suffolk County police did not release the name and age of the woman, but did say they

believed she was homeless.

Local merchants found her body at 5:30 a.m. Friday, police said. Police said the death does not appear to be criminal. Temperatures overnight were in the low to mid-20s.

The woman might be the second person to die as a result of exposure to the frigid

temperatures this week in Suffolk. Police said a man, 87, was found in a parking lot near his West Babylon home early Thursday — and later died at a hospital. Police said he was not dressed for the subfreezing temperatures. A cause of death has not yet been determined, police said. — JOHN VALENTI

CORRECTIONS

Educator Joseph Thomas was 95. The headline on his obituary Friday was incorrect.

CLARIFICATION

A story Friday about an Australian boy who told rescuers to save his brother first from floodwaters was unclear about his mother's fate. She died also.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Federal, state, county and local government offices, courts and schools will be closed.

All U.S. stock exchanges and all post offices will be closed, except the Roosevelt Field Postal Store, which will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no mail delivery except for express mail.

In New York City, trains and buses will run a regular weekday schedule except that there will be no limited-stop bus service on nine routes in Staten Island and three routes in Queens. The Long Island Rail Road will operate a holiday schedule with added trains.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1929 Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.
2009 US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both the plane's engines; all 155 people aboard survived.