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Driver Sentenced to 6 years for Life-Changing Hayride

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that last Friday, Kaitlin Minick (dob: 4-8-1997, 304 East Main Street) of Yorkville, Illinois, was sentenced to 6 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer on 6 counts of Aggravated DUI from an incident that occurred in October of 2019 in Plano, Illinois.

Back in October of 2019, Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a crash with injuries in the area of River Road and Willow Springs Lane. Minick, who had been driving a sedan, crashed into the back of a hayrack causing all 12 of the passengers on the hayride to be ejected from the hayrack. These individuals were injured and required immediate medical care, 6 of which suffered great bodily harm. During the course of the investigation, Minick submitted a blood and urine sample where it was determined that Minick was driving after she had used cocaine. On February 8, 2022, Minick entered a plea of guilty to 6 counts of Aggravated DUI and the matter was continued to last Friday for a sentencing hearing.

During the sentencing hearing, the Court heard multiple victim impact statements as to the on-going issues several of the victims continue to have as a result of this crash. Judge Pilmer, upon finding that a term of probation would have deprecated the seriousness of the incident, sentenced Minick to 6 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence is to be served at 85%. Minick will begin her prison sentence on June 3, 2022.

Weis thanked the Court for its careful consideration and attention to such a sensitive matter and imposing a sentence to reflect the seriousness of the crime. Weis praised the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police, and various fire department agencies for their hard work and dedication in dealing with multiple victims as well as the investigation of this case.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorneys Andrea Boyle and Ryan Phelps. Minick was represented by Attorney Andrew Nickel.