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MARK CADY FOUND GUILTY, SENTENCED
IN RECKLESS DRIVING FATALITY ON DUMFRIES RD.

WARRENTON, Virginia – September 26, 2019. In a trial by jury, Mark Spencer Cady of Catlett, VA, was found guilty of the crime of reckless driving that led to a fatal motor vehicle crash last November.

On November 1, 2018, Virginia State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a crash on Route 605 that occurred shortly after the intersection with Rogues Road. The police investigation revealed the driver, Mark Spencer Cady, had rear ended a stationary motorcycle at 47 miles per hour.

According to witnesses, the motorcyclist, Raleigh Nelson, was stopped in his lane with his turn signal on while waiting to turn into his driveway. The roadway was clear of any obstructions, and the weather was bright and clear. A witness reported seeing the car, driven by Cady, hit Nelson without braking, swerving, or taking any evasive maneuvers.

A further investigation revealed that the defendant had stopped paying attention to the road for over 8 seconds before striking and killing Nelson.

On September 27, 2019, Judge Herman A. Whisenant, Jr., with the jury's recommendation, sentenced Cady to three months in jail and ordered him to pay a fine of \$2500 and court costs of \$941. Cady was led from the courtroom and remanded to the custody of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office to begin serving his sentence.

Fauquier County's Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney R. Tyler Bezilla prosecuted this case, which was an appeal of an earlier finding of guilt in Fauquier General District Court on March 14, 2019.