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Teens Arrested for Letting Friend Drive Drunk Before Fatal Crash

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Five months after their friend was killed in a crash in Glastonbury, Conn., police have arrested three 17-year-old boys who are accused of letting her drive drunk.

Police said the boys knew Jane Modlesky, 17, of Glastonbury, was “highly intoxicated” when she got behind the wheel of an SUV early on the morning of Sunday, July 14 and hit a tree on Woodhaven Road.

Modlesky, who would have been a senior at Glastonbury High School this year, was alone in the car when the crash happened and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The SUV, a 2008 Honda Pilot, belonged to the parents of one of Modlesky’s friends, police said, and she had been in the car with four 16-year-old boys prior to the crash.

The teenage boy who was initially driving dropped a friend off at a Glastonbury home, police said, then drove to his own house and got out.

Another 16-year boy got behind the wheel and drove to his own house, where he and another teen got out of the car, police said.

Modlesky then got behind the wheel and was killed when she struck a tree half-a-mile away, police said.

Police determined that Modlesky’s blood alcohol content was .27, which was more than 13 times the legal limit of .02 for someone under the age of 21.

Police said the last two teens in the car with Modlesky were well aware that she was "highly intoxicated," but allowed her to drive anyway.

"They very well knew that she was intoxicated and should not have been driving," said Agent James Kennedy of the Glastonbury Police Department.

The first teen to drive the car was charged with violation of passenger restrictions and operating a motor vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. He is due in court on Dec. 20.

The boy he dropped off was not charged.

The second teen to drive was charged with reckless endangerment in the second degree, violation of passenger restrictions and operating a motor vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. He is due in court on Dec. 18.

The other teen was charged with reckless endangerment in the second degree.

Glastonbury High School students said the fatal crash has been devastating.

"It's just ruining us," said Jonathan Rico, a senior at the high school.

Another senior, Austin McCallum, said many students are "rethinking teenagers being stupid – let's go out drinking and whatnot – they're really saying, you know, this could happen to anyone now."

In August, police charged the girl who they said threw a party hours before the crash and served alcohol to minors.

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