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Detectives Make Arrest in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

Town of Clay, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office made an arrest in the fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on Route 481 in the Town of Clay On May 19, 2021.

This afternoon at approximately 2:55 P.M., sheriff's detectives arrested Justin T. Maratea, 40, of Syracuse for his involvement in the motor vehicle collision that killed Valerie L. Schneller, 61, of Liverpool. The investigation, in conjunction with the District Attorney's office, was concluded and Maratea was charged with Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd degree.

Maratea was under the influence of drugs when he struck Schneller's vehicle, causing it to roll several times before landing in the center median. Schneller was transported to University Hospital where she was subsequently pronounced deceased.

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