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Plea entered in DWI assault case

LIBERTY – A 22-year-old woman has pleaded guilty to charges she injured two while driving drunk says Clay County Prosecutor Daniel White.

Kaeli A. Mercado, who lists an address in the 4600 block of Northeast 48th Terrace, pleaded guilty Tuesday (Sept. 26) to two counts of felony assault in the second degree stemming from a Feb. 15 crash that injured two persons near I-435 and Hwy 210.

Judge Michael J. Maloney ordered a pre-sentencing assessment and continued the case to Nov. 16 for sentencing said the prosecutor.

The defendant faces a maximum of seven years on prison and \$5,000 fines on each of the two counts, said the prosecutor.

"This was a serious offense," said White. "When tested, Mercado's blood had an alcohol contact of .125 percent – well over the .08 limit in Missouri."

The case was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol with assistance provided by the Kansas City Police Department, said White.

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