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**MCGINTY RECEIVES 30 YEARS  
IN FATAL CRASH**

On Monday, January 13, 2025, Judge Steinhauser of the 155<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court sentenced Jill McGinty, 52, of Bellville, Texas, to 30 years prison following her plea of guilty to Intoxication Manslaughter and two charges of Intoxication Assault.

McGinty was scheduled for trial on January 10, 2025, but accepted a plea offer on the last pretrial setting before trial.

McGinty was indicted for causing a crash on Highway 159E about 1½ miles east of Bellville at 2:30 a.m. on July 17, 2022 while under the influence of prescription medication. McGinty crossed the center lane of the roadway and struck another vehicle.

The head-on collision killed one passenger in the oncoming vehicle and seriously injured two more. McGinty was also seriously injured in the crash.

Friends and family of the deceased, Elia Guerrero, appeared at the sentencing in remembrance of her. Survivor Diana Aguayo appeared in person and offered a written statement honoring the loving presence that Elia played in everyone's lives. Survivor Miller Long viewed the sentencing via teleconference from out of state.

District Attorney Travis Koehn stated, "We want to thank the Department of Public Safety Troopers, Bellville Police officers, and Austin County Sheriff's Office deputies who worked together to conduct a solid investigation in this matter which led to this plea."

First Assistant District Attorney Brandy Robinson was the lead prosecutor on the case. She stated "We also want to thank all of our local first responders, fire department members, and the medics who rendered aid the night of this tragic crash."

"Their quick and professional response saved lives, and we're lucky to have such great public servants."

"We've seen a significant number of fatal crashes on Highway 159 between Bellville and Hempstead in the past two years, and we encourage everyone to stay vigilant," Robinson added.

"With this prison sentence, we can at least be confident that we have one less intoxicated person driving on Austin County roadways who will instead be serving time behind bars."