

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: May 6, 2026

Warren man given 24-month sentence in OVI crash

Dennis M. Currey Jr., 25, of Eastland Avenue SE, Warren, received a 24-month prison sentence and a three-year driver's license suspension for a Dec. 26, 2024, alcohol-related traffic crash that injured a Trumbull County teen-ager.



Currey on Feb. 12, 2026, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular assault, a third-degree felony and a misdemeanor OVI charge. The defendant was also fined \$375.

The crash occurred on Dec. 26, 2024, on State Route 11 in Liberty Township. Ohio State Highway Patrol investigators stated Currey was driving a 2009 Nissan Altima that struck the back of another car, forcing both vehicles into the highway median. The driver of the other car, an 18-year-old woman from Southington, suffered brain injuries and required a hospital stay.

During the sentencing hearing before Judge Sean J. O'Brien, the victim stated the defendant's selfish, irresponsible behavior has caused major changes to her life. She mentioned the \$80,000 in medical bills and the effects the injuries have had on "every part of my daily life."

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett stated at the time of the accident, Currey had a blood alcohol level of .161 percent, more than twice the legal limit in Ohio for driving. Burnett further complimented the work of Trooper Adam Smith of the Ohio State Highway Patrol who provided solid evidence in the case.

The defendant, represented by attorney Roger Bauer, told the court he was sorry for the "stupid thing" that he did on the day of the accident.

Judge O'Brien retorted: "Your 'stupid thing' that day has caused a "life sentence" for the victim.

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