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## Drunken driver gets two years in deadly accident

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**B**ROCKTON, Mass. - A woman who killed one person when she plowed her car into a group of pedestrians while driving with a blood alcohol level almost triple the legal limit was sentenced to two years in prison.

Lisa O'Connell, 21, of Dedham pleaded guilty Friday to motor vehicular homicide while operating under the influence. Prosecutors asked for a five to seven year sentence, but Superior Court Judge Carol Ball imposed a two year sentence.

The October 2005 crash occurred before tougher drunken driving laws were enacted that would have mandated a minimum five year sentence.

O'Connell, a Bridgewater State College sophomore at the time, was returning to her dorm when she plowed into a crowd outside a popular college bar, killing Jacqueline Nilsson, 21, and injuring two others.

Authorities said O'Connell had a blood alcohol level of .22, nearly three times the .08 level considered drunk for drivers 21 and older.

"Each and every day I wake up with enormous remorse, guilt and shame," O'Connell said Friday in Brockton Superior Court.

"I will have to live every day knowing I took the life of another and injured two others," she said. "I am so sorry for what I have done."

Nilsson's mother, Mary Catherine Nilsson, told the court she lives with the loss each day.

She told O'Connell, "You owe so much more for what you have done."

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