Judge Lowers Bail for Man Involved in DUI Crash, New Jersey Drunk Driving Attorneys Report

A New Brunswick judge agreed to lower the bail for a young man involved in a fatal accident last month. 22-year-old Ricky Olivares had been held in custody in the Middlesex County jail after being unable to post the one million dollar bail. Olivares, from Perth Amboy, is charged in the death of two passengers in an early morning car accident last fall.

According to New Jersey drunk driving attorneys, Olivares was driving home at a little under 100 miles an hour from a birthday celebration thrown for him by his family when he lost control of his car and spun into a utility car and several trees before coming to a stop. Two of Olivares' passengers, his brother and another young woman, were pronounced dead at the time of the accident, and a third passenger was taken to the hospital with injuries, along with Olivares. Police determined that Olivares was driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.18, which is more than double the legal limit.

New Jersey Superior Court judge Joseph Paone reduced Olivares' bail to \$400,000 without the 10 percent option, and allowed the young man to attend his brother's wake with a police escort. In his decision, Paone relied on testimony that Olivares had no previous record of drunk driving, and worked as a bus driver for a Somerville firm where he had a clean record of driving.

Drunk and distracted driving can cause tragedies at every turn, and your <u>New Jersey DUI lawyers</u> warn that the consequences, such as high bail, can limit a drunk driver's ability to defend himself after an accident. If you or your loved one has been charged with DUI, contact one of the experienced <u>New Jersey drunk driving attorneys</u> at Helmer, Paul, Conley, and Kasselman for a free, no-strings consultation today.