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NEW YORK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE IN DEADLY BOAT ACCIDENT

PHILADELPHIA - Matthew R. Devlin, 35, of Catskill, New York, pleaded guilty today to one count of misconduct of a ship operator causing death, in relation to the "Duck boat" accident on the Delaware River on July 7, 2010, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. In this accident, the barge *The Resource*, which was towed by the towing vessel *M/V Caribbean Sea* piloted by defendant Devlin, ran over a boat operated by the tourism company Ride the Ducks International LLC. As a result, two passengers on the Duck boat who were visiting from Hungary, Szabolcs Prem, 20, and Dora Schwendtner, 16, were killed.

Sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Legrome D. Davis is scheduled for November 1, 2011. Devlin faces an advisory sentencing guideline range of 37-46 months. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

The criminal case was investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, supported by Marine Investigators of the United States Coast Guard, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert A. Zauzmer.

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