

Muzzo sentenced to 10 years

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Marco Muzzo has been sentenced to 10 years in prison after the drunk driver killed three children and their grandfather in a horrific crash in Vaughan.

Minus time already served in custody, the 29-year-old will serve nine years and four months. He was also sentenced to a driving prohibition for 12 years which will begin after his release.

On Sept. 27, Muzzo drove through the stop sign at Kipling Avenue and Kirby Road in Vaughan at an excessive rate of speed and T-boned the minivan carrying the Neville-Lake family. The accident claimed the lives of Daniel Neville-Lake, 9, Harrison Neville-Lake, 5, Milly Neville-Lake, 2, and their grandfather Gary Neville, 65. The children's grandmother and great-grandmother were also seriously injured in the crash. Muzzo's blood alcohol level was almost three times the legal limit.

Last month, Muzzo pleaded guilty to four counts of impaired driving causing death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm. While the Crown suggested a prison sentence of 10 to 12 years, the defence argued an eight-year sentence would be more appropriate.

Superior Court Justice Michelle Fuerst rendered her decision Tuesday at the Superior Court of Justice in Newmarket. While Muzzo will be able to return to his family after serving his sentence, the Neville-Lake family will never be the same, she pointed out. In that way, they are serving their own version of a life sentence.

?The Neville-Lake family will forever be suffering from the life sentence imposed by Mr. Muzzo's drunk driving,? said Fuerst.