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## Question the justice in death of bicyclist

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Was justice served in Joshua Paniccia's plea bargain to criminally negligent homicide after killing 32-year-old David Ryan? Paniccia faces a possible sentence of only one to three years in prison and \$320 in court fees.

It seems that the Saratoga County district attorney's office agrees with his right to speed in excess of 80 mph on a road with a posted speed limit of 45 mph. After all, he "was catching up to someone" and "driving my vehicle on a road a little too fast and killed Mr. Ryan."

Mr. Ryan had a right to travel safely on his bicycle. Paniccia had no entitlement to endanger anyone in his path because of his need for speed. This easy plea bargain can only strengthen others like him to continue to put us all in danger because the consequences are so light in comparison to the damage potentially done.

As a member of this community, I am embarrassed by this plea and extend my condolences and apologies to David Ryan's family in England.

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