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WHITE PLAINS FATAL HIT-RUN CASE ADJOURNED

The new lawyer for a Pomona woman arrested in a double hit-and-run incident that left one woman dead in White Plains said yesterday that both he and the Prosecutor's Office were seeking to learn what happened.

Speaking after a brief appearance in White Plains City Court, James Kousouros said Sheldene Campbell was still being held in the psychiatric unit of the Westchester County jail on \$200,000 bail and, for the time being, he would not seek her release.

"We're not focused on bail right now," Kousouros said. "I think that, at this point, both myself and the District Attorney's Office, commendably so, are focused on trying to find out what happened here, and why. You know what happened, but for someone like Sheldene Campbell, it's such an inexplicable thing."

Campbell, 37, was charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident a short time after she is accused of hitting and killing 65-year-old Marie Bucci, who was taking her daily walk, on Havilands Lane on Oct. 19. Moments earlier, Campbell, in her Acura sport-utility vehicle, is accused of striking and injuring Roseanne Schiavone, 45, and her dog, who also were walking on Havilands Lane. The case is still under investigation, and more charges are possible.

The incident took place almost three weeks after Campbell was arrested in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., accused of driving over a lawn, almost hitting a jogger, abandoning her 10-year-old son and assaulting a police officer. During that incident, Campbell, a court reporter for the Workers Compensation Board in New York City, is accused of driving with her 3-year-old daughter sitting freely in the car without a car seat or seat belt.

Campbell was hospitalized for a week afterward at Bergen (County) Regional Medical Center in Paramus, N.J.

Kousouros said Campbell's family "is devastated over this tragedy. Their hearts go out to the other families."

He said he was hired by the family to replace court-appointed lawyer David Rich.

At Kousouros' request, City Judge Brian Hansbury adjourned the case until Nov. 19.