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Lipscomb sentenced for hitting trooper while DUI

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A Massachusetts man who hit a state trooper with a tractor-trailer while driving under the influence of alcohol and cocaine in January 2017 will spend two to five years in state prison.

On Thursday, Pike County Judge Gregory Chelak also ordered Cecil Lipscomb, 48, of North Adams, to pay a \$3,175 fine. He also will have his driver's license suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, according to the Pike County District Attorney's Office.

"We feel that the defendant has been held accountable for his actions," District Attorney Ray Tonkin said Friday.

Troopers arrested Lipscomb and his passenger, Nicole Gyurasz, 28, early Jan. 11, 2017, after his truck slid on ice on Interstate 84 West in Dingman Twp., striking and injuring state police Sgt. Michael Carroll as troopers investigated an unrelated crash along the interstate. Gyurasz told troopers the pair snorted cocaine and drank alcohol as they traveled from Massachusetts through several states and into Pennsylvania. Gyurasz also threw beer and liquor bottles out the truck window and hid the cocaine in her purse after hitting Carroll.

Carroll had muscle damage, back spasms and neck and back pain after the collision.

Lipscomb later admitted to drinking before the incident and a blood test confirmed the presence of cocaine in his system, according to prosecutors. Log books found in Lipscomb's truck listed he was off duty prior to and during the

incident. He pleaded guilty in December to aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence, plus a drug charge and offenses stemming from logbook violations and evidence tampering.

In December, Chelak sentenced Gyurasz to 330 days to 23½ months incarceration and one year of probation for a drug charge and evidence tampering.