

# Jail Sentence of One Month Is Suspended

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## Court Imposes Penalty on Pelham Youth for Driving So As to Endanger Life Resulting in Fatal Crash.

A suspended sentence of one month in the Billerica House of Correction was meted out Saturday to John D. Ireland, aged 17, of Pelham, N. H. He appeared in District court for sentence on a charge of operating so as to endanger the lives and safety of the public. He was placed on probation for a one-year period.

Judge Reynolds yesterday afternoon viewed the scene of an accident in Dracut where a passenger in a beach wagon operated by Ireland was killed Dec. 21 in a collision with a pole. The victim, Russell Hayes, aged 18, of Pelham, N. H., died at St. Joseph's hospital shortly after being admitted. Roy E. Hardy, aged 26, and Miss Ilda Ready, aged 23, both of Pelham, N. H., received minor injuries in the accident.

Facts in the case were presented during a trial at the District court on Jan. 4. At that time it was brought out that Ireland struck the pole while attempting to avoid an oncoming car. Sentence had been postponed at the request of the defense, pending the court's viewing of the scene.