

Brit drunk driver jailed in Harvard prof's death

LONDON — A man who admitted killing a Harvard University psychiatrist in a drunken-driving case was sentenced to 15 months in prison yesterday.

Raymond Czechowski, 52, of Elstree, England, pleaded guilty last month to causing death by careless driving when under the influence of alcohol.

John E. Mack, 74, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, died Sept. 27 last year, shortly after being hit by Czechowski's car in north London.

Mack's family wrote to Judge Linda Stern asking her not to set a jail sentence.

"Although this was a tragic event for our family, we feel Mr. Czechowski's behavior was neither malicious nor intentional," the letter states.

Pronouncing sentence, Stern said: "The message has to go out, you shouldn't drive with alcohol in your blood."

Mack won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1977 for "A Prince of Our Disorder."



TRAGEDY: Harvard Medical School professor of psychiatry and award-winning author John Mack was struck and killed by a drunken driver in London.

Mack later published research on people who claimed to have had encounters with space aliens.

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