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## West Palm Beach Polo Mogul Facing Final Verdict on DUI Manslaughter

In West Palm Beach, John Goodman just completed his trial in the DUI Homicide case from 2010. The founder and owner of the International Polo Club, John Goodman has been on trial for <u>DUI manslaughter</u> and vehicular homicide. As one distraction after another occurred in the courtroom, seemingly staged in an attempt for a mistrial, Judge Colbath sentenced the multimillionaire. The maximum Goodman could get was 30 years, but the prosecutor asked for 20. At the end of the trial, the Judge sentenced him to 16 years.

The Polo Star will have none of the comforts of home, facing conditions that can be considered the complete opposite.

In February 2010, John Goodman supposedly had three vodka and tonics, between 9pm and 10pm, and feeling somewhat dizzy in his condo, he decided to take a drive. While on his drive, he ran a stop sign, pushing a car driven by Scott Wilson, a 23 year old, off the road. The force was so great from the impact that Goodman's car eventually pushed Wilson's car into a canal where it overturned.

The Polo Club owner then waited an hour before calling 911 to report the accident. His call was full of deceptions and when the Police picked him up, his BAC was more than twice the legal limit.. Scott Wilson was found dead at the scene, and Goodman was arrested. Surely Goodman had several attorneys in the legal firm working on his <u>DUI vehicular homicide</u> case. They made numerous pleas, trying to reduce the criminal accusations, and most recently they were going to appeal the sentence. All his money couldn't change that, and a sense of some justice has been obtained for the unfortunate death of the UCF alumnus.

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