

Drug-driving violinist left rider injured

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A classical violinist who has played for the Queen crashed her car into a motorcyclist while high on cocaine, leaving him with life-changing injuries.

Victoria Yellop, 34, who has performed with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, was at more than twice the drug-drive limit after the crash in Tonbridge, Kent, on May 17, according to police.

Kumud Singh, for the prosecution, said the victim has been left with broken

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ribs, sternum and a broken thigh bone and would need a metal pole in his hip for life. Yellop admitted driving without due care and attention and drug driving at Maidstone magistrates' court and was handed a four-month suspended prison sentence and a six-month curfew. She was banned from driving for three years.

Yellop is on a separate suspended sentence for her role in a fake burglary of £25,000 worth of goods.

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