

Joe Biden's Niece Avoids Jail Time After Pleading Guilty to 2019 DUI Charge

Caroline Biden was arrested in August 2019 after crashing her car into a tree in Pennsylvania while under the influence

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[Joe Biden's](#) niece Caroline Biden was sentenced this month in a intoxicated-driving crash from last year, PEOPLE confirms.

Caroline, the 33-year-old daughter of the president-elect's brother James, received probation in lieu of jail time after pleading guilty to driving under the influence in Pennsylvania, according to [court records](#).

She reached a plea deal with the Montgomery County District Attorney and was given five months of probation, with 20 days in rehab counting toward her sentence.

In addition, Caroline has to pay \$1,990 in fines and legal costs and participate in 12 hours of community service. Her license was suspended for a year and she will be compelled to participate in a drug and alcohol awareness program, court records show.

Caroline's attorney, John McMahon, did not immediately respond to PEOPLE's request for comment.

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According to [The Independent](#), Caroline was arrested in August 2019 after she crashed her car into a tree in Lower Merion Township.

Caroline, who was driving without her license, "had difficulty focusing on the conversation," arresting officer Jeffrey Seamans said, *The Independent* reported at the time.

Her car also contained pill bottles for carisoprodol and lorazepam, both of which are controlled substances. A blood test later showed that they were in Caroline's system at the time of the crash, according to *The Independent*.

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This is not Caroline's first run-in with the law.

In 2018, she [received two years of probation](#) after pleading guilty to running a \$110K credit card scam.

According to Page Six and CBS News, Caroline [used a borrowed credit card](#) to open an account at the upscale C.O. Bigelow pharmacy in New York City. Over the course of one year, Caroline spent \$110,000 without the cardholder's knowledge.

As part of her plea deal, Caroline's charge of felony larceny was thrown out and she was allowed to plead to a lesser charge of petit larceny, reported Page Six reported, which added that Caroline had also completed 10 days of community service at a children's hospital and repaid the stolen money in full, which came out to \$110,810.04.

She also previously got into legal trouble in 2013, when she was arrested on charges of obstructing governmental administration, harassment and resisting arrest after allegedly striking a male N.Y.C. police officer, CBS News reported.

