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Probation in Nebraska City Pedestrian Death

(AP) - A 64-year-old Nebraska City man has been given 18 months of probation for fatally injuring a pedestrian in a traffic accident.

Online court records say Larry Lawton pleaded no contest to misdemeanor careless driving and assault. He was fined \$600 last week and must serve 50 hours of community service. Prosecutors reduced charges in exchange for Lawton's pleas.

Authorities say Lawton's vehicle struck William "Walkin' Willie" Perkins in Nebraska City on Nov. 6. The 79-year-old Perkins died Nov. 27 at a Lincoln hospital.

Perkins got the nickname "Walkin' Willie" because he used to walk 16 miles from Hamburg, Iowa, to Nebraska City to work or pick up his mail. Perkins later moved to Nebraska City and made daily rounds to visit friends in the downtown.

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