

Charge filed in fatal SE Neb crash

**(KLZA)--A rural Brock, Nebraska man has been charged in connection with a two-vehicle wreck last month that claimed the life of a Pawnee City man.**

**52-year-old Monty Eaton has been charged in Nemaha County Court with a felony count of manslaughter stemming from a February 3rd wreck north of Auburn that killed 26-year-old Travis Ries.**

**Bond has been set at \$50,000 and a scheduling conference in the case has been set for March 13th.**

**The Nemaha County Sheriff's Department says Ries was a passenger in a car driven by 25-year-old Heather Spurlin, of Pawnee City.**

**Investigators say Spurlin tried to pass a sport utility vehicle driven by Eaton when he turned left into her car.**

**Spurlin and Ries, who were not wearing seatbelts, were ejected.**

**Spurlin was flown to a Lincoln hospital. Ries was pronounced dead at the Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn.**

**Eaton was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence.**

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