

Hiawatha teen pleads guilty to charges in fatal wreck

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha teenager has pleaded guilty to charges in connection with a Brown County rollover wreck last November that claimed the life of another Hiawatha teen.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said Andrew Kreek entered the plea Tuesday to all five counts against him—including involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, three counts of aggravated battery and speeding.

Disposition (sentencing) was set for November 17.

Killed in the wreck late November 16 at the intersection of U.S. 36 Highway and Horned Owned, west of Hiawatha, was 16-year-old Ian Miller. Kreek and three other Hiawatha teens suffered injuries in the crash.

Kreek, who was 17-years-old at the time of the wreck, was charged in May as a juvenile following an investigation by the Kansas Highway Patrol. Assisting in the investigation were the Brown County Sheriff's Office and Hiawatha Police Department.

Kyle White, of rural Hiawatha, was charged last December in the fatal wreck.

He pleaded not guilty in July to a charge of unlawfully hosting minors and eight counts of furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor.

A 6-person jury trial in that case is set for November 12, although Hill said the Supreme Court COVID-19 protocols may affect that.

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