

Charges filed in fatal Jefferson Co wreck

**(KNZA)--Charges have been filed in connection with a head-on collision over the weekend in Jefferson County that claimed the life of a Kansas Air National Guard airman.**

**According to court documents, 35-year-old Manuel Enriquez, of Kansas City, Missouri, was formally charged Tuesday in Jefferson County District Court with a felony count of involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In addition, Enriquez was charged with a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence.**

**He made his first appearance Tuesday in a Jefferson County courtroom to hear the charges.**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol said Enriquez was driving a pickup truck on U.S. 24 Highway in southern Jefferson County late Saturday night when he crossed the center line and collided head-on with a car driven by 23-year-old Cheyanne Branson, of Diana, Texas.**

**Branson was pronounced dead at the scene. Enriquez was not hurt.**

**The Kansas Air National Guard said Branson served as a career development specialist with the 190th Air Refueling Wing for more than four years.**

**Enriquez remains in the Jefferson County Jail, held on a \$150,000 bond.**

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