

Fatal crash earns prison for driver

**(KAIR)--A Leavenworth County District Court case, focused on a fatal crash last year, ends with a prison sentence for a 20-year-old Lansing man.**

**According to a release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, Eric Lee Karpierz was sentenced to 4-years-4-months in prison for the involuntary manslaughter of Eric Chappell and driving under the influence on June 19, 2022.**

**Karpierz earlier entered a plea to the crimes, which stem from a deadly crash on that June night.**

**According to Thompson, it was shortly after 11:00 that Karpierz was driving behind two motorcycles, including one ridden by Chappell.**

**The motorcycles slowed down to make a left hand turn, but Karpierz sped up to pass them, in the no passing zone, while driving around 92 mph in the 50 mph traffic zone. His Jeep Renegade collided with Chappell- motorcycle, leaving Chappell dead at the scene.**

**When police arrived, Karpierz was breathalyzed, blowing a .128, which is over the legal limit.**

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