

Man pleads to charges in fatal 2021 Jackson Co wreck

**(KNZA)--An Auburn, Kansas man charged in connection with a 2021 Jackson County wreck that claimed the life of a Topeka woman during a law enforcement pursuit has entered into a plea agreement.**

***The Holton Recorder* reports 44-year-old Robert Love, Jr., pleaded no contest December 15 in Jackson County District Court to two counts of aggravated battery while driving under the influence and one count each of aggravated battery and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.**

**As part of the plea deal, a charge of first-degree murder, along with five misdemeanor counts and four traffic infractions were dismissed.**

**Sentencing was set for February 23.**

**The charges were filed in November 2022 following an investigation by the Kansas Highway Patrol into a two-vehicle wreck on May 27, 2021 at the intersection of 286th Road and U.S. 75 Highway about 7 miles north of Holton.**

**The Patrol reports Love was westbound on 286th Road, fleeing from a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy, when he failed stop at the intersection and his car collided with a southbound SUV on U.S. 75.**

**A passenger in the SUV, Shai Boyd, was pronounced dead at the scene. Four others, including Love, were injured in the wreck.**

**Love remains in the Jackson County Jail, held on a \$750,000 bond.**

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