

Man pleads to charges in fatal 2022 Pott Co crash

(KMZA)--A Lecompton man facing charges in connection with a 2022 fatal wreck in Pottawatomie County that claimed the life of a Wamego man and his 7-year-old son has entered into a plea agreement, canceling a jury trial that had been set in the case.

According to court documents, Mark Stanwix pleaded guilty Monday in Pottawatomie County District Court to two counts of vehicular homicide, three counts of aggravated battery, reckless driving and texting while driving.

In exchange for the plea, a charge of interference with law enforcement was dismissed.

Sentencing was set for March 15th.

The charges were filed following an investigation by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The Patrol says Stanwix was driving a semi truck on U.S. 24 Highway on August 10th, 2022, just east of Wamego, when he rear-ended two vehicles.

Killed in the wreck was 37-year-old Randy Tinkel. His 7-year-old son, Korbin Tinkel, died from injuries three days later. Three others, including Tinkel's wife and two-year-old son, were injured in the wreck.

Stanwix remains free on a \$25,000 bond.

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