

Plea entered in deadly crash

(KAIR)--A Colorado man has pleaded as charged in connection to a fatal 2017 Leavenworth County crash that claimed five lives.

According to a release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, 59-year-old Kenny Ford, on Friday, entered a plea of no contest in Leavenworth County District Court to all five counts of vehicular homicide.

The fatal wreck happened July 11, 2017, in the westbound lanes of the interstate near 174th Street. He was driving a Freightliner truck when the crash occurred.

According to the release, signage indicated there was road construction in the area and that speed should be reduced. Evidence showed that Ford failed to slow down when he hit the vehicles in the fiery, chain reaction crash. The release says he was traveling at 65-70 miles per hour at the time of the fatal wreck. Ford was found to not be impaired, nor could authorities show he was using any cellular phone device.

The Associated Press reports two of those killed were from Illinois and three were from Kansas.

Ford will be sentenced March 20.

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