Prelim hearing postponed in fatal UTV case

(KNZA)--The preliminary hearing for a Circleville man charged in connection with a utility vehicle accident last July in Jackson County that claimed the life of a Fargo, North Dakota teen has been pushed back.

During a status hearing December 28, the preliminary hearing for 21-year-old Wyatt Olberding was rescheduled for February 25.

The Holton Recorder reports Olberding 's attorney requested a continuance to allow County Attorney Shawna Miller to check whether law enforcement officers took video statements from those involved in the accident.

Olberding has been charged with involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, along with three misdemeanor counts, in the case.

Killed in the July 5 accident northeast of Netawaka was 13-year-old Iziah Martinez. Five others, including Olberding, were injured.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department said Olberding was driving a side-by-side UTV besides another UTV when he lost control, causing the vehicle to overturn. Martinez was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Olberding remains free on bond.

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