

Circleville man enters plea in 2020 fatal UTV accident

(KNZA)--A Circleville man has pleaded no contest to reduce charges in a 2020 utility vehicle accident in Jackson County that claimed the life of a Fargo, North Dakota teenager.

***The Holton Recorder* reports 22-year-old Wyatt Olberding entered the plea last Friday in Jackson County District Court to a felony charge of involuntary manslaughter, along with misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, reckless driving and transporting an open container.**

Sentencing was scheduled for October 29.

Olberding had originally been charged with involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, which carries a presumptive prison sentence.

13-year-old Iziah Martinez was killed in the accident early July 5th of last year about two miles northeast of Netawaka. 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.

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