

Charges filed in 2021 fatal Jackson Co wreck

**(KNZA)--Charges have been filed against an Auburn, Kansas man in connection with a 2021 Jackson County wreck that claimed the life of a Topeka woman during law enforcement pursuit.**

**According to court documents, charges of first-degree murder, three felony counts of aggravated battery while driving under the influence and ten other charges were filed November 17 in Jackson County District Court against 43-year-old Robert Love, Jr.**

**The charges were filed 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 to stop at the intersection with U.S. 75 and his car collided with a southbound SUV.**

**A passenger in the SUV, 26-year-old Shai Boyd, was pronounced dead at the scene.**

**The driver of the SUV, Sara Ditch, of Topeka, and another passenger in the vehicle, Scott Ditch, of Topeka, were transported to a Topeka hospital for the treatment of suspected minor injuries. Love and a passenger in his vehicle, Ciara Evertson, of Topeka, were transported to a Topeka hospital for the treatment of suspected serious injuries.**

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