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**Noah Boege pleads guilty to negligently causing the death of Sarah Pearson**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 19-year-old Noah Boege changed his plea and was convicted of one count of criminal negligent homicide.

By pleading guilty, Boege admits that, with criminal negligence, he caused the death of 21-year-old Sarah Pearson.

According to the plea petition filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court, Boege will receive a 24 month prison sentence. Upon his release, he will be on three years of post-prison supervision.

This investigation started on August 24, 2018 when the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Gresham Police Department responded to a crash in the 1200 block of East Historic Columbia River Highway. Upon arrival, law enforcement located a sedan on its roof in the roadway and Ms. Pearson lying unresponsive near the vehicle.

Ms. Pearson suffered significant head injuries and died on scene as a result of her injuries.

During the investigation, Boege admitted to being the driver and owner of the vehicle that crashed. Law enforcement with the East Multnomah County Vehicular Crimes Team responded and determined that Boege, while traveling at a high rate of speed through a curve on East Historic Columbia River Highway, lost control of his vehicle.

The speed limit for the roadway was 35 miles per hour with a recommended speed of no more than 30 miles per hour through the curves.

The investigative findings show that Boege was driving at speeds nearly three times the posted speed limit while fatigued and sleep deprived.

Sentencing in this matter will be held on August 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Eric Bloch.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office is unable to release any additional information pending sentencing.

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