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Noah Boege receives two year prison sentence for negligently causing the death of Sarah Pearson

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 19-year-old Noah Boege received a two year prison sentence after being convicted of one count of criminally negligent homicide.

“As the court stated on the record during today’s sentencing hearing, reckless driving kills,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Parakram Singh, who prosecuted this case. “This was a very complex case. It was highly negotiated and today’s resolution took into account many factors. Ultimately, we believe this to be a very appropriate resolution given the facts of this case.”

In a letter to the court, Sarah Pearson’s mother remembered her daughter as being “so sweet and special.” She described the impact Ms. Pearson’s death had on their entire family.

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. Ms. Pearson was found lying unresponsive. She was a close friend of Boege and was the only passenger in his 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 more than double the posted speed limit while fatigued and sleep deprived.

Upon his release, Boege will be on three years of post-prison supervision.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office recognizes the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office, Gresham Police Department and the members of the East Multnomah County Vehicular Crimes Team for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

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