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Jack Dean Whiteaker convicted of causing the death of Cayla Wilson

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 62-year-old Jack Dean Whiteaker changed his plea and was convicted of recklessly causing the death of Cayla Wilson.

This investigation started at 2:46 p.m. on April 15, 2010 when officers with the Gresham Police Department responded to reports of an injury crash along Southeast Jenne Road near Southeast Jenne Lane. Investigators with the East Multnomah County Vehicular Crash Team determined Whiteaker was traveling southbound into a curve on Southeast Jenne Road at an excessive rate of speed.

Whiteaker lost control of his vehicle, went into a sideways slide, regained traction and drove over the top of Ms. Wilson's 1990 Buick sedan.

Wilson, who was 19 years old at the time of the crash, was lawfully traveling northbound in her lane. Whiteaker's vehicle tore open and crushed the driver's side of Ms. Wilson's vehicle. She sustained critical injuries.

Whiteaker was prosecuted and convicted in 2010 for what was then the assault of Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Wilson died on March 30, 2018 at the age of 27 as a result of the injuries she sustained. At the time of the crash, she was pregnant. Her daughter is now nine years old.

The court convicted Whiteaker of one count manslaughter in the first degree.

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for December 6, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.

According to the plea petition filed in court, Whiteaker is expected to receive a 16 year prison sentence. He will be on three years of post-prison supervision.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office expects Ms. Wilson's family to attend the sentencing hearing on December 6, 2019. At that point, victim impact statements may be presented to the court.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Professional Rules of Conduct.

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