Soldier to Stand Trial in Nemaha Co Wreck

(KMZA)--A Fort Riley soldier will stand trial on charges in connection with a head-on collision last August in Nemaha County that sent three Seneca residents to the hospital.

The Nemaha County Attorney's office says Justin Gerdes waived his preliminary hearing Tuesday and was bound over to Nemaha County District Court on three counts of aggravated battery, transporting an open container and driving under the influence.

Arraignment was scheduled for June 16th.

The charges stem from a two-vehicle wreck on August 22nd on U.S. 63 Highway about 7 miles north of Seneca that was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The Patrol says Gerdes was northbound when he attempted to pass another vehicle and collided head-on with a southbound vehicle driven by 21-year-old Kelsey Ann Bradley, of Seneca.

Gerdes and Bradley were both transported to the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca with unspecified injuries.

Two passengers in the Bradley vehicle, Bryce Bradely and Dana Bradley, were also transported to the hospital with possible injuries.

Gerdes was released Wednesday on a \$10,000 O.R. bond after his bond was modified. He had originally been held on a \$150,000 bond.

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