

Man Ordered to Pay Restitution in Granddaughter's Death

(KNZA)--A man who let his 8-year-old granddaughter take the wheel of his car prior to a fatal Doniphan County wreck in 2015 has been ordered to pay nearly \$18,000 restitution.

***The Kansas Chief* reports 57-year-old St. Joseph resident Dennis Meers was ordered to pay the restitution to the parents of Cadence Orcutt, of Troy, during a recent hearing in Doniphan County District Court.**

Meers was placed on one year supervised probation in February after pleading no contest in December to a felony charge of aggravated child endangerment.

Authorities say Orcutt died in November 2015 when the car she was driving went down an embankment on a Doniphan County road west of Wathena and overturned. Meers was a passenger.

Meers will serve 11-months in prison if he fails his probation.

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