Second indictment unsealed in waterpark death

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The number of people indicted in the death of a 10-year-old Kansas boy on what was promoted as the world's largest waterslide has grown to three.

The Kansas Attorney General's office says Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts co-owner Jeffrey Henry and ride designer John Schooley are charged with reckless second-degree murder in the indictment unsealed Tuesday.

According to a press release issued by the attorney general's office, also indicted is Henry & Sons Construction Company, Inc., a corporation involved in the design and construction of the waterslide

A Texas judge has ordered Henry held without bond.

Victoria Cisneros, spokeswoman for the Cameron County District Attorney's Office, says the 62-year-old Henry appeared for a hearing Tuesday, when county prosecutors asked that Henry be held without bond at the request of the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

Henry will remain at the Cameron County jail in far south Texas as he awaits extradition to Kansas.

The attorney general's office announced Friday that the Schlitterbahn park and its former operations director, Tyler Austin Miles, had been indicted on 20 felony charges, including involuntary manslaughter.

The charges stem from the 2016 death of 10-year-old Caleb Schwab.

His family says the criminal indictment shows that issues with the water park company "go far beyond" the boy's death.

The family released a statement Monday in reaction to the 20-count indictment released last week.

The Schwab family says they have "full faith and trust" in Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and know he'll "take appropriate steps in the interest of public safety."

The indictment alleges the slide met few, if any, industry standards and that necessary repairs were avoided or delayed.

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