

Plea entered in connection with fatal wreck

(KNZA)--A rural Hiawatha man has pleaded no contest to charges that he supplied alcohol to teenagers later involved in a fatal wreck in 2019, canceling a jury trial that had been set this week.

Kyle White entered the plea earlier this month in Brown County District Court to one count of unlawfully hosting minors, a Class A misdemeanor, along with three counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

In exchange for the plea, four additional Class B misdemeanor counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor were dismissed.

Sentencing was set for October 20.

White was charged in December 2019 following an investigation by the Brown County Sheriff's Department and Brown County Attorney's Office.

The investigation was launched following a single-vehicle wreck in November 2019, west of Hiawatha, that claimed the life of 16-year-old Ian Miller, of Hiawatha. Four other Hiawatha teens were injured in the wreck—including the driver, Andrew Kreek.

Kreek was convicted of involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence and four other counts. He was given a suspended sentence in November of last year and placed on probation.

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