

Leavenworth man pleads guilty in death of pedestrian

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth man, whose motorcycle struck and killed a pedestrian in 2020, has pleaded guilty to charges.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said 37-year-old Justen Michael McCarter entered the plea Friday in Leavenworth County District Court to charges of involuntary manslaughter and possession of stolen property.

Authorities say McCarter was driving his motorcycle at a high rate of speed on March 1st, 2020 when he struck 44-year-old Adam Wheeler, of Leavenworth, as he crossed a Leavenworth street. Wheeler was pronounced dead at the scene.

Thompson said an accident reconstruction team determined McCarter was driving between 80 to 90 miles an hour when he struck Wheeler. The area has a 30-mile-per hour speed limit.

Thompson said officers also determined the motorcycle McCarter was driving had been stolen.

McCarter is scheduled to be sentenced January 19

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