

Hearing set for man charged in fatal 2022 Jeff Co wreck

(KNZA)--An April 18 preliminary hearing has been set for a Kansas City, Missouri man charged in a head-on collision last November in Jefferson County that claimed the life of a Kansas Air National Guard airman.

According to court documents, that happened during a status hearing last week in Jefferson County District Court for 35-year-old Manuel Enriquez.

Enriquez is charged with a felony count of involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He is also charged with a misdemeanor count of DUI.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reports Enriquez was driving a pickup truck on U.S. 24 Highway on November 12 when he crossed the center line and collided head-on with a car driven by 23-year-old Cheyanne Branson, of Diana, Texas.

Branson was pronounced dead at the scene. Enriquez was not hurt.

The Kansas Air National Guard said Branson served as a career development specialist with the Topeka-based 190th Air Refueling Wing for more than four years.

Enriquez remains free on a \$150,000 bond.

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