

Man sentenced in fatal 2021 Jackson Co wreck

(KNZA)--An Auburn, Kansas man convicted on charges in connection with a 2021 Jackson County wreck that claimed the life of a Topeka woman during a law enforcement pursuit has been sentenced to ten years in prison.

According to court documents, 44-year-old Robert Love, Jr., was handed the sentence last week in Jackson County District Court. He was given credit for 383 days served in jail.

Following his prison sentence, Love will be placed on 36-months post release supervision.

He pleaded no contest last December to two counts of aggravated battery while driving under the influence and one count each of aggravated battery and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

As part of a plea deal, a charge of first-degree murder, along with five misdemeanor counts and four traffic infractions were dismissed.

The charges stem from a two-vehicle wreck on May 27, 2021 at the intersection of 286th Road and U.S. 75 Highway about 7 miles north of Holton that claimed the life of Shai Boyd.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says Love was fleeing from a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy when he failed to stop at the intersection and his car collided with a SUV that Boyd was a passenger in.

Four others, including Love, were injured in the wreck.

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