

Charges filed in 2017 fatal Leavenworth Co crash

**LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - A truck driver from Greeley, Colorado, is charged with five counts of vehicular homicide for a fiery 2017 crash that killed five people on the Kansas Turnpike near Bonner Springs.**

**The Kansas City Star reports that 58-year-old Kenny B. Ford appeared without an attorney Friday in a Leavenworth County courtroom. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail on each count.**

**Traffic was backed up due to road construction on July 11, 2017, when Ford's semi struck an SUV driven by 61-year-old Teresa J. Butler of Urbana, Illinois. Butler and her passenger, 63-year-old Karen Lynn Kennedy of New Palestine, Illinois, were killed.**

**The truck then struck two other cars, killing an elderly Topeka couple, Sheldon and Virginia Cohen, and 38-year-old Ricardo Mireles of Topeka.**

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