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**Wyoming Man Gets Max Penalty for 2015 Fatal Accident**

WELD COUNTY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – A case stemming from 2015 came to an emotional end this afternoon for family members of a man killed in a traffic accident.

Abel Carv, 25, of Laramie, Wyoming, was sentenced Thursday to a year in jail after a jury found him guilty last week of Careless Driving Resulting in Death, a Class 1 Misdemeanor Traffic Offense.

The crash happened on August 4, 2015 around 5:30 a.m. on Interstate 25 in southern Weld County, near Mead.

According to court documents, Carv was driving southbound when he reached down to the floorboard to pick up a Pop-tart wrapper and veered off the road into the median. Carv then attempted a u-turn and collided with a motorcycle, driven by Kevin Hastings, 54, of Berthoud, who later died at a local hospital.

Carv also told investigators he only had a couple hours of sleep before getting behind the wheel.

“His carless actions killed my son, and he has shown no remorse,” the victim’s mother said in court. “Mr. Carv has never attempted to apologize. Can you imagine the pain my son endured before death took him? We ask the court hand down the stiffest punishment.”

After hearing from several family members and the prosecution, Judge Charles Unfug agreed and sentenced Carv to one year in jail, the maximum punishment for this charge.

“Nothing can be done to bring Mr. Hastings back, but we hope this sentence brings some sort of justice and closure to the family,” said District Attorney Michael Rourke. “Although it’s only a year in prison, we hope Mr. Carv learns how his actions impacted so many lives in our community and will live the rest of his life trying to correct his wrongs.”

In addition to the 12 months in jail, Carv is subject to restitution and must participate in a Victim Impact Panel and Making Better Choices class upon release.

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