



Carlisle Teen Sentenced in Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

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Earlier today, Warren County Juvenile Court Judge Joseph W. Kirby sentenced the 17-year-old Carlisle teenager who crashed her car while driving at a high rate of speed, killing one of the passengers and injuring two others, to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The teen pled guilty to the offenses of aggravated vehicular homicide, aggravated vehicular assault, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle. Judge Kirby found that the teen should be adjudicated a delinquent child. The teen was ordered to serve a commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services for a minimum of one year or until she turns 21, and a license suspension for five years with no driving privileges.

On May 1, 2015, while driving southbound on Union Road in the Village of Carlisle, Warren County, the teenager operated her vehicle in a reckless manner with three other juvenile passengers in her vehicle. The teen accelerated the vehicle to at least 96 m.p.h. before hitting a set of railroad tracks causing her vehicle to go airborne. The vehicle then hit a post for the railroad crossing gate and flipped on its side. The crash caused the death of a 12-year-old passenger, Kimmy Colyer, and injured two other juveniles. Neither back seat passenger was wearing a seatbelt. The teen was specifically required to ensure that all passengers were properly restrained.

“Unfortunately, many young people feel invincible when they get their first taste of freedom and get behind the wheels of an automobile. Hopefully, this tragedy will serve as a wakeup call to young drivers that driving fast can have deadly consequences for them and their dear friends,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell praised the investigative efforts of Sergeant Charles Scales and Trooper Chad Smith of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, as well as the first responders of the Carlisle Police Department and Joint Emergency Medical Services. Fornshell also commended the hard work of the prosecution team of Assistant Prosecutors Julie Kraft and Adam Nice, Chief Investigator Scott Male, Victim Witness Coordinator Cassidy Cook, and Legal Assistant Jaclyn Zaczek.



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