

Cincinnati Man Sentenced to 7-10 Years in Prison for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide

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Jeremy C. Penwell, 38, of Cincinnati, was convicted of two counts of aggravated vehicular homicide (same victim), one count of failure to stop after an accident, and one count of operating a vehicle while under the influence after being found guilty by a jury at trial. Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert W. Peeler sentenced Penwell to an indefinite term of seven to ten years in prison.

On September 14, 2021, around 8:00 a.m., Penwell was driving a vehicle down Grandin Road in Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio while he was under the influence of controlled substances. As Penwell continued down Grandin Road, he struck and killed Aleksandre Begheluri, 37, of Mason, Ohio, who was outside of his vehicle fixing a chain that was dragging from his trailer. After striking Mr. Begheluri, Penwell failed to stop and continued driving to work. The Hamilton Township Police Department conducted an investigation and discovered that just prior to the crash, Penwell was passed out in his vehicle at a gas station before he was awakened and drove off. The investigation also revealed that after the crash, several of Penwell's co-workers found him to be under the influence once he arrived at work.

Fornshell commended Officers Kyle Treon and Chris Kaufholz, as well as Sergeants Quillan Short and Chris Wall with the Hamilton Township Police Department, and Warren County Prosecutor's Office Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Derek B. Faulkner, Victim Witness Coordinator Erika Bourelle, and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry for their work on the case.



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