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Leavenworth man convicted of murder and causing great bodily to passenger after crashing during a police pursuit

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A 23-year-old Leavenworth man has been convicted of murdering his front passenger and causing great bodily harm to his backseat passenger after crashing during a police pursuit and leaving the scene of the crash.

On October 20, 2026, after hearing evidence on the second day of the jury trial and taking into consideration the wishes of the victim's family and the other victim, the Leavenworth County Attorney's Office agreed to Johmelo Marki Mapp-Jenkins entering a no-contest plea. Mapp-Jenkins was subsequently convicted of the following:

- Murder in the second degree;
- Leaving the scene of a fatality accident;
- Leaving the scene of an accident resulting in great bodily harm;
- Aggravated Battery; and
- Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer.

On August 23, 2025, a Basehor police officer was conducting traffic enforcement at night in the area of Holy Angels Catholic Church on Leavenworth Road, in Basehor, Kansas. Upon determining the car Mapp-Jenkins was driving was traveling 45 miles-per-hour in a 30 mile-per-hour zone, the officer initiated a traffic stop. Although Mapp-Jenkins initially stopped, as the officer walked towards the vehicle and was almost at the farthest point from his patrol vehicle, the defendant fled in the vehicle. The defendant drove on the lawn behind buildings of the Church property and returned back to the parking lot before fleeing eastbound while reaching speeds over 87 miles per hour on Leavenworth road. Mapp-Jenkins continued to flee southbound on 147th street reaching speeds over 95 miles per hour. He then crashed onto an embankment on the southside of the intersection between 147th street and Parallel road. Mapp-Jenkins fled on foot from the scene leaving his passengers unconscious. His front passenger later succumbed to her injuries and his backseat passenger suffered severe injuries resulting in great bodily harm. Assistant County Attorney Jose Guerra represented the State of Kansas in this matter. Mapp-Jenkins' attorney was James Floyd.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Fleeing from the police can only result in greater problems, injuries, and even death. A person behind the wheel is responsible for the safety of those inside one's vehicle and those around and will be held accountable when endangering the lives of others or fleeing from law enforcement."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for November 13 at 2 p.m.