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Independence Man Convicted in 2020 Fatal Shooting in Leavenworth County

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A 24-year-old Independence man has been convicted of involuntary manslaughter in connection with a 2020 shooting death in Leavenworth County.

According to court records, on Aug. 16, 2020, at approximately 2 a.m., following a brief altercation at a bar in Lansing, the victim left the parking lot in a vehicle. Two vehicles eventually pursued the victim, with Joshua X. Craig a passenger in one of them.

While traveling on Eisenhower Road in Leavenworth, Craig fired a gun in the direction of the victim's vehicle. The bullet shattered the rear window and struck the victim, resulting in the victim's death.

During the investigation, shell casings recovered from the scene were later compared to a firearm Craig admitted belonged to him.

Craig pleaded guilty on June 29, 2026, to involuntary manslaughter. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. in Leavenworth County District Court.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This case reflects a reckless and dangerous decision that resulted in the loss of a loved one and a felony conviction. Our office will continue to hold individuals accountable when their actions endanger the community."