## Man sentenced in accidental shooting death of stepson

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- On Wednesday, March 13, 2024, a judge sentenced Robert F. Quasa, a 48-year-old Lansing man, to three years of probation in the unintentional shooting death of his stepson, Andrew Glenn Wiley.

During Wednesday's sentencing hearing, Quasa's father, Wiley's mother (who is also married to Quasa), Wiley's two brothers, and Wiley's former fiancé addressed the court, asking the judge not to send Quasa to prison. Each family member emphasized that the shooting was accidental and expressed their belief that Quasa is a good man and should be forgiven. Prosecutors also noted that Quasa didn't have a prior criminal history. Involuntary manslaughter is a presumptive prison case, but the court can find probation if there's good cause to do so, and this is what the court found.

Quasa pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter on February 9, 2024.

On November 3, 2023, Lansing police officers responded to a home in Lansing, Kansas. They found a person, later identified as Andrew Glenn Wiley, suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. Lifesaving efforts to save Mr. Wiley were unsuccessful, and Wiley was pronounced deceased.

According to court records, Quasa and a group of men had visited a local gun range earlier in the day to shoot guns. The men returned to Quasa's home and were cleaning guns when Quasa's handgun discharged a single round, striking Wiley.

While at the scene, Quasa told officers that he was teaching Wiley how to clean guns. Quasa stated he was showing how to remove a bullet from the chamber when his handgun "just went off."

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Owning or handling any gun entails a tremendous responsibility that cannot be overstated," Thompson continued, "We stayed in touch with the victim's and the defendant's family throughout this case, and they made it clear that they forgave the defendant."

If Quasa violates the terms of his probation, he could be forced to serve 32 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections.