

News Release

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Watertown Man Pleads Guilty and Sentenced on Felony Criminal Vehicular Homicide Charges

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that on January 15, 2019, Carver County District Court Judge Janet Cain sentenced Casey Hoskins, age 43, to a stayed prison term of 48 months upon the conviction of Criminal Vehicular Operation. In addition, Hoskins was ordered to serve one year in the Carver County Jail and was placed on probation for 10 years on a number of conditions, including the prohibition of possessing alcohol or non-prescribed drugs and the requirement that Hoskins must have ignition interlock installed on any vehicle he drives.

The case started in the early evening of November 14, 2017, when Carver County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched upon a report of an unconscious, injured thirty-three year old adult female on the side of the road in Watertown, Minnesota. Although law enforcement could not reconstruct actual events, the circumstances and a witness statement from a neighbor indicate there was an argument between Hoskins and the victim. At some point, the victim jumped into the bed of Hoskins' running pickup truck. Hoskins rapidly accelerated and braked, ejecting the victim, and running her over with his truck. Hoskins left the scene, drove around the block, and returned to drag the victim to the side of the road before law enforcement arrived. The victim later died from her injuries.

A blood sample taken from the defendant revealed a metabolite of cocaine, which is a Schedule II controlled substance. This metabolite coupled with careless driving constitute Felony Criminal Vehicular Operation. County Attorney Metz expressed his remorse that this unnecessary, senseless, and preventable tragedy resulted in the loss of the mother to an eight-year-old daughter and a beloved family member.

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