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Wrong-way Drunken Driver in Injury Crash Gets Stayed Sentence



Milwaukee, WI – Last week, Kara M. Whitlow, age 24, of Waukesha, was in court for sentencing for her wrong-way drunken driving crash on US-45 at Bluemound Road in November 2013. She struck another vehicle and crashed head-on into a bridge pillar. An occupant of the vehicle she struck was six-months pregnant and sustained minor injuries.

Whitlow faced up to 17 years in prison for 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, OWI-2nd, OWI-Cause Injury, and Operating While Revoked. The last two charges were dismissed. Judge Timothy Witkowiak stayed all prison time, instead sentencing her to 25 days straight time and 150 days with Huber at the House of Correction. She received five days at the HOC and one year probation for the OWI-2nd.

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At the time of the crash, Whitlow also admitted to smoking marijuana that day. She was extricated from her vehicle by the Wauwatosa Fire Department and conveyed to the hospital for treatment of a broken foot and facial lacerations. A third vehicle struck a tire that came off of Whitlow's vehicle in the crash, but the occupants were not injured. Whitlow's prior DUI conviction was in March 2012.

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