

Repeat DUI Offender Sentenced After Woman Killed

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A repeat drunken driver will serve two years in jail after reaching a plea deal Friday morning.

Jason Guy, 33, pleaded guilty to his third driving under the influence charge.

"I don't care about their plea deal," said Kathy Bruce, the victim Carrie Holmes' mother. "We're talking about my kid here. She's a human being, and she deserves justice."

Last Labor Day, 22-year-old Holmes was walking in the area of Bell Road when she was struck by a Nissan truck driven by Guy, who kept going. Holmes died five days after the hit-and-run. Two weeks later, Guy was charged with vehicular homicide. But Friday's hearing ended with a felony turning into a misdemeanor and outrage from Holmes' family.

"I don't care if it's six months or six years; he needs to take responsibility for killing our daughter," Bruce said. Prosecutors said in the end, the facts changed what was their heart's desire. Police said under further investigation it was determined that Holmes had been drinking and walked into traffic, so the vehicular homicide charge was in question.

Guy pleaded guilty Friday to what amounted to his third DUI and leaving the scene of an accident -- misdemeanors. He will serve two years in jail without the possibility of probation. "I understand families wanting longer sentences, and I like that, too, and morally, I feel there's a lot of culpability here, but our job is to follow the law," said Kyle Anderson, assistant district attorney. "The law doesn't neatly fit in every factual scenario."

Guy was taken from his seat in the courtroom Friday straight to jail.

Holmes' family said this isn't over; they are suing Alive Hospice, Guy's former employer, for wrongful death. They are hoping to appeal to the Tennessee Legislature for tougher laws involving drinking and driving.

Jason Guy's attorney, David Raybin, said his client pled guilty to what he was guilty of: drinking and driving and leaving the scene.

