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**Bastrop man pleads guilty to intoxication manslaughter
Victim was mother of two young children**

A Bastrop man pled guilty to intoxication manslaughter this past Wednesday from an incident that occurred on a highway near Garfield in 2018.

District Judge Brenda Kennedy sentenced Devon Daniels, 22, to six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system. The victim, Danielle Johnson, 25, was also a Bastrop resident and the mother of two young children.

On April 18, 2018, Daniels was at the wheel of his vehicle and Johnson was a passenger when he skidded across the highway, causing his vehicle to flip several times. Johnson was ejected during the crash and was severely injured. She died a few days later.

Daniels fled the scene but Texas Department of Public Safety troopers captured him 9.5 miles away on Whirlaway in Del Valle. He admitted he was high on narcotics and that he ran away because he was worried there were warrants out for his arrest.

After sentencing, Johnson's mother directed an allocution statement to Daniels and explained how her daughter's children had suffered after her death.

"The sentence in this case reflects the growing concern and attention the community has expressed to the Travis County District Attorney's Office that these preventable fatalities will not be tolerated any longer and that they want to see tougher sentences for those who commit these crimes", said Assistant District Attorney Matt Foye with the Vehicular Crimes Special Prosecution Unit.

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