

Fatal DUI-drugs nets man 32 years in Arizona State Prison

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Tuesday, Kris Raymond McClain, 52, was sentenced to a total of 32 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections by the Yavapai Superior Court Judge Tina Ainley.

On February 19, 2016, a Yavapai County Jury found McClain guilty of causing the death of 19-year old Hayley Stevens, and injuring both her 18-month old niece and her mother. The vehicular collision occurred at the intersection of SR89A and Robert Road in Prescott Valley January 22, 2013, when McClain slammed into the victims' car, which was stopped at a red light. The jury found that McClain, a medical marijuana cardholder, was under the influence of marijuana and Lorazepam at the time of the collision. Testimony at trial proved that McClain had 16-nanograms per milliliter of THC in his system. THC is the mind-altering chemical in marijuana.

Yavapai County Attorney Sheila Polk expressed sympathy for the victims and their close-knit family. "A young life was needlessly taken by this defendant who made the decision to drive after using marijuana and Lorazepam. This sentence can never do justice to the devastation he has wreaked on this family."

McClain had three prior DUI- convictions and was on probation at the time of the collision. The sentence of 32-years covers charges of manslaughter, 4-counts of aggravated assault, 6-counts of aggravated DUI, criminal damage and violation of probation. McClain is not eligible for early release.