

# Man convicted in DWI crash that killed unborn baby may get money in lawsuit blaming Pizza Hut for it

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An Indiana prosecutor said a man convicted in a 2015 DWI crash that killed an unborn baby may get cash from a lawsuit against his employer at the time, Pizza Hut, over the incident.

## Where do we start?

Shelby County prosecuting attorney Brad Landwerlen broke it all down on Facebook:

- Landwerlen said David G. Pike smoked marijuana and then was involved in a car crash in which he pulled in front of another vehicle while making a Pizza Hut delivery on May 1, 2015.
- Pike's passenger — his then-girlfriend — was unresponsive and was flown to a hospital, he said.
- She recovered, but her unborn baby died as a result of the crash, Landwerlen continued.
- Pike was convicted of Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 6 felony, and Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance in His Body Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 6 felony, the prosecutor added.
- Indiana law considers the death of a fetus to be serious bodily injury, Landwerlen said.

## What did Pike and his then-girlfriend do?

Pike has since moved to Colorado and married the mother of the unborn baby killed in the crash, Landwerlen said.

## What action did she take?

She has sued Pizza Hut over the crash "because their employee (Pike — her husband) killed her baby," Landwerlen added.

And since the couple is married, Pike "will likely benefit financially from any money his wife receives from Pizza Hut as a result of him killing an unborn baby, which is nothing short of amazing to me," Landwerlen said.

## What happens next?

Pike will be sentenced Dec. 20, the prosecutor said, adding that "unfortunately" jail time is limited under Indiana law to a maximum of 2.5 years.

"NOTE that I don't write the law (that allows him to benefit financially from his crime, or that limits his sentence so low)," Landwerlen concluded. "If you are as bothered by these facts as me — talk to your legislators about changing these laws. Also ask them NOT to legalize marijuana — even for so-called 'medical' purposes. When Colorado did this, their fatal crashes due to drugs drastically increased."