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Civil suits over deadly crash dismissed against Corbin man

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A Corbin man, who was indicted last week on two counts of manslaughter and for DUI stemming from a March 26 crash that claimed the life of two people, has had two civil lawsuit against him dismissed.

Drug tests for Randal Mayne, 45, also indicate that he tested positive for methadone in his urine and had diazepam and nordiazepam in his blood after the crash.

The manslaughter charges stem the March 26 death of Alton Wilson, 63, and the April 7 death of his wife, Doreen Wilson, 63.

Doreen Wilson died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center from injuries she suffered in the accident, according to a state police spokesperson.

According to police, Mayne had been driving erratically when his 2007 Jeep Cherokee crossed the centerline and struck Alton Wilson's vehicle, a 1995 Jeep Cherokee, ejecting him and leaving his wife trapped as the vehicle lay in the middle of Ky. 26 near the Faber community.

Alton Wilson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Judge Paul E. Braden dismissed a civil lawsuit filed against Mayne by the Administratrix of the Estate of Doreen Wilson, Tuesday morning.

"This matter having come before the court by motion of the plaintiff to voluntarily dismiss the foregoing case as settled..." Braden wrote in the order.

Both sides were ordered to pay their own fees and costs associated with the lawsuit.

A civil lawsuit filed by the co-administratrix of the Estate of Alton Wilson, was dismissed May 14 at the request of the plaintiff.

KSP Trooper David Lassiter noted on the arrest citation that Mayne failed several field sobriety tests, yet his breathalyzer test registered a .000 blood alcohol level.

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Mayne had no alcohol in his system at the time of the crash, according to toxicology tests.

According to a test done by the Kentucky State Police Central Laboratory Branch, Mayne had 0.012 mg percent of methadone, 0.006 mg percent of diazepam and 0.003 mg percent of nordiazepam in his system following the crash.

Methadone is a synthetic opioid, used medically as an analgesic and in the treatment of narcotic addiction, such as heroin.

Diazepam and nordiazepam are commonly marketed as Valium.

Diazepam is mainly used to treat anxiety, insomnia, and symptoms of acute alcohol or opiate withdrawal. It is also used as a premedication for inducing sedation, anxiolysis or amnesia prior to certain medical procedures (e.g. endoscopy).

Diazepam has a range of side effects, which are common to most benzodiazepines. Most common side effects include: suppression of REM sleep or dreaming, addiction, impaired motor function, impaired coordination, impaired balance and dizziness, according to the encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com

Whether the drugs impacted Mayne's ability to drive will be up to a jury to decide.

Defense attorneys are expected to contend at trial that the readings were very low, and in the therapeutic range in Mayne's system.

Prosecutors are expected to argue to the jury that Mayne shouldn't have been driving while on the drugs period because of possible side effects.

Mayne has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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