

Operating while intoxicated causing death charges filed in January accident

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One count of Class B felony and one of Class C felony operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death has been filed against a Louisville man involved in a fatal accident in Scott County on January 13.

Chad Edward Clemons, 23, allegedly was driving while intoxicated when his 2009 Chevy Cobalt veered off State Road 356 near its T intersection with Slate Ford Road and struck a utility pole, snapping the pole in two.

The crash caused fatal injuries to his passenger, Gregory Keegan Miller, 22, Scottsburg. The accident occurred at 3:30 a.m. that Sunday in January. Most of the collision's impact was on the passenger side where Miller was seated, who had to be extricated from the wreckage by the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department. Miller was taken to University of Louisville Hospital with severe injuries. He died there late Monday morning, January 14.

Clemons was treated at Scott Memorial Hospital for possible rib injuries and was released.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, Clemons allegedly admitted to Deputy Joe Johnson that he and his friend had been drinking prior to the accident.

The blood sample to which Clemons submitted reportedly indicated that his blood alcohol concentration was 0.20%, far over the limit allowed by Indiana law.

Clemons appeared with his attorney before Judge Marsha Owens Howser in Scott Superior Court on Thursday, May 2, and entered a not guilty plea to the charges. She set bond at \$50,000 corporate surety/10% cash and Clemons' jury trial for August 1.

Clemons filed a cash bond the same day.