

Erlandson Pleads Guilty, Gets Jail Time In Fatal Crash

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Attorneys avoided a potentially painful trial in the case of a fatal La Crosse County crash, but emotions ran high Monday at a plea and sentencing hearing...

Heath Erlandson pleads guilty to causing the traffic death of Paul Betsinger two years ago. A crime lab report said Erlandson had traces of cocaine and other drugs in his system at the time his car hit Betsinger's motorcycle. Paul's sister, Brenda Wilson, says the wounds of her brother's death are 'ripped open again' because of the hearing. A defense attorney argued that there's no solid evidence that Erlandson was under the influence of drugs or impaired at all when the crash happened.