



STATE OF KANSAS  
Tenth Judicial District  
Steve Howe, District Attorney

**UPDATE:**

Date: November 28, 2016

District Court Judge J. Charles Droege has sentenced Raphael Sherman to a total of 149 months in custody of the Kansas Department of Corrections for his actions that resulted in the death of Denise Lopez on January 10, 2016 in Overland Park.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Lannie Ornburn and Xavier Andrews.

Date: August 9, 2016

Raphael Sherman pleaded guilty to an amended complaint charging one count of second degree murder and three counts of aggravated battery in Johnson County District Court case number 16CR94.

Date: January 11, 2016

Raphael Sherman, 21 years of age, of Shawnee, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and two counts of reckless aggravated battery.

On January 10, 2016, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Raphael Sherman was driving westbound on 75<sup>th</sup> Street at Metcalf in Overland Park, Kansas, when he ran a red light, striking a Chevy Silverado truck and a Toyota Sienna minivan, both of which had been traveling on Metcalf.

A passenger in the truck, 25 year old Denise Lopez, who was 39 weeks pregnant, died as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash. Her baby's life was saved through medical intervention at the hospital. Several other people who were involved in the accident were also transported and treated for their injuries.

The Prairie Village Police Department and the Overland Park Police Department were the investigating agencies.

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