



STATE OF KANSAS  
Tenth Judicial District

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**PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: March 6, 2024**

On March 6, 2024, Uconn Xavier Coleman pleaded guilty to Second-Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery, Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer and Leaving the Scene of a Crash in case number 23CR2064.

This incident occurred on June 15, 2023, in the area of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch Road. This fatal vehicle collision caused the death of Benjamin Kleczka. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kendall Kaut and Abby Olson, with the assistance of the Merriam Police Department. This case is set for sentencing on May 20, 2024, at 2:30 pm.

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