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Wichita, Kansas – A man convicted of causing a traffic fatality in south Wichita has been sentenced to prison. District Court Judge Terry Pullman sentenced Richard L. Johnson, 53 of Wichita, to 162 months.

Johnson admitted that, on the night of August 15, 2016, his 1991 Buick Regal crossed the center line in the 600 block of W. Harry and struck a smaller car head-on. Nicholas Woodall, 35 of Wichita, was killed in the crash. Johnson pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol.

Before the fatal crash, Johnson's Buick rear-ended a car that was stopped for a red light at Harry and Broadway. Johnson left the scene of the non-injury crash, drove to a liquor store, purchased beer and, moments later, caused the fatality crash.

The sentence is to run consecutive to an earlier prison sentence on a probation violation. This morning, Johnson's attorney wanted his client's sentence to run concurrently with the 162 month sentence. Judge Pullman disagreed.

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