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**Canton Woman Pleads Guilty and Receives Sentence
For Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree and Reckless Driving**

State vs. Wendy Millican

April 18, 2019 – After pleading guilty to homicide by vehicle in the first degree and reckless driving, Wendy Millican, 46, was sentenced to 15 years with the first four years to be served in confinement. Millican caused a four-car accident that killed Corey Forman, 21, on Hickory Flat Highway in 2017.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 10, 2017. Millican was driving home from work, traveling west on S.R. 140/Hickory Flat Highway when her vehicle crossed the center line, striking Forman's Chevrolet Cobalt, which was traveling east. That collision caused Forman's vehicle to cross into oncoming traffic, where a Jeep Wrangler traveling west crashed into Forman. Millican's vehicle also struck a Chevrolet Traverse traveling east, causing that vehicle to run off the road and slide down an embankment.

During the course of the accident, Millican never applied her brake, according to evidence retrieved from her car. A blood sample showed a concoction of prescription medications: Diazepam, nordiazepam, oxycodone, and bupropion. Millican admitted to being fatigued and stated she had taken pain medications throughout the day.

"When Wendy chose to drive her car the evening of March 10, 2017, she failed to exercise due care. Prescription medications and fatigue impair your ability to drive, just as alcohol does," said Assistant District Attorney Kelly Chavis, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State. "Wendy chose to drive in an impaired state, and her actions caused the death of a promising young man."

Many members of Forman's family provided victim impact statements in person and in writing. They commented on his kindness, passion for playing the drums, and young life cut tragically short. He was a Creekview High School graduate and had been studying information systems at Kennesaw State University.

"This case is a prime example of the dangers associated with driving while under the influence of certain prescription medications. It is our hope that Ms. Millican's guilty plea and sentencing bring the Forman family some peace and closure," said District Attorney Shannon Wallace.

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