

Driver faces murder charge in wrong-way turnpike crash

Was allegedly drunk when he fled accident scene near Yukon

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An alleged drunk driver has been formally charged with a felony in connection with a fatal “wrong-way” crash on the Kilpatrick Turnpike near Yukon.

Malcolm Douglas Penney, 39, was charged Oct. 21 in Canadian County District Court with second-degree murder and leaving the scene of a fatality accident.

Prosecutors charged Penney for his role in a deadly traffic collision that occurred about 12:15 a.m. Oct. 3 on the Kilpatrick Turnpike near S.W. 15th in eastern Canadian County.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol investigated the crash, which claimed the life of Oklahoma City’s Marissa Murrow, 19. The victim was a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Murrow was driving a 2014 Ford Focus southbound in the outside lane of the Kilpatrick Turnpike when her vehicle was struck head-on by a 2018 Mitsubishi Outlander driven by Penney, according to an OHP report.

Penney’s vehicle was heading north in the southbound lanes, the traffic collision report shows.

Murrow was pinned for about 20 minutes before being freed by Oklahoma City Fire crews. She was pronounced dead about 11 p.m. Oct. 3 at OU Medical Center.

OHP investigators said Penney initially fled the crash scene on foot but was later caught. He was taken to Integris Canadian Valley Hospital for treatment of injuries.

After being medically cleared, Penney was booked at 7:44 p.m. Oct. 3 into the Canadian County Jail in El Reno where he remains.

If convicted, Penney faces 10 years to life in prison for second-degree murder and 1-10 years in prison and a \$1,000-\$10,000 fine for leaving the scene of a fatality accident.

Penney has previous convictions between August 2011 and October 2018 of driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated in Oklahoma County, Okla.; Denton County, Texas; McPherson, Kan.; and Calcasieu Parish, La.

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