UCO student killed on John Kilpatrick Turnpike

Man jailed in Canadian County

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Malcom Penney, of Oklahoma City, has been jailed on a second-degree murder and DUI complaint in the death of a UCO student.

A University of Central Oklahoma student died over the weekend when a wrong-way driver struck her vehicle on the John Kilpatrick Turnpike near Yukon, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

Marissa Murrow, 19, of Oklahoma City, died Saturday from injuries suffered in the collision near SW 15 on the turnpike. Murrow was studying special education at UCO, a university spokeswoman reported.

The patrol reports Malcom Penney, 39, of Oklahoma City, was driving north in the southbound lanes of the turnpike when his sport utility vehicle slammed into Murrow's southbound vehicle head-on.

Murrow was taken to OU Medical Center where she died about 11 p.m. Saturday.

Penney was taken to INTEGRIS Canadian Valley Hospital where he was treated for injuries, and then he was taken to the Canadian County jail. He was booked on complaints of second-degree murder, leaving the scene of a fatality accident and DUI.

The patrol reported seat belts were in use by both people in the collision. Troopers reported Penney had an odor of alcohol.

UCO President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar released the following letter on Murrow's death:

"Dear Broncho family,

It is with a tremendously heavy heart that I must share with you that our sophomore student, Marissa Murrow, was killed this weekend. Marissa was hit head-on by a drunk driver late Friday night and passed away Saturday.

Marissa is being remembered by her friends on campus as a kind, generous and sweet-spirited young woman. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and a light to so many in our community. Our hearts are broken by her untimely passing, and our Broncho family has lost a precious part of ourselves. Please hold Marissa's family and friends in your thoughts right now. Take a moment of silence to send comfort and strength to them as they face a new day without her. The UCO Center for Counseling and Well-Being is available to support the campus community during this time.

We will remember Marissa."

Murrow was one of two 19-year-old fatality victims over the weekend in the Yukon area.

Dylan Cali, 19, of Mustang, died of injuries suffered about 10:30 a.m., Saturday in Yukon. Cali was riding a motorcycle west on N.W. 10 at Holly Avenue. The driver of an SUV headed east on N.W. 10 turned to go north onto Holly, and Cali's motorcycle hit the SUV, Brown said.

The driver of the SUV was not injured.

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