

Grass Valley man admits guilt in Incline deaths

A Grass Valley man last week pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a 2011 DUI case that ended with the deaths of an Incline Village couple.

Robert C. Mathis and Linda Mathis, both 46, died after being struck by a vehicle driven by Christopher Torii Smith, 26.



Christopher
Torii Smith

In pleading guilty to two felony counts of reckless driving causing death, Smith could be sentenced to six years in prison. The sentencing is scheduled for August in Reno.

Nevada Highway Patrol officers said on Dec. 30, 2011, the victims were crossing Highway 28 just south of Village Boulevard in Incline when they were struck by the pickup driven by Smith, who was headed south.

The following September, Smith was arrested for allegedly attacking another man in a bathroom at AT&T Park during a San Francisco Giants baseball game. No charges were ever filed in that incident.

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