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Janesville, WI – The Rock County District Attorney's Office announced that Keith Rose, age 45, was found guilty in Rock County Circuit Court Case 23CF649 of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle. Rose crossed the center line on Highway 11 while high on methamphetamine at 4:30 am, striking and killing a motorcyclist traveling the other direction.

At the sentencing hearing held October 25, 2024, prosecutors argued for a maximum sentence of 25 years in the Wisconsin Prison System. Judge John Wood agreed, following the State's recommendation and sentenced Rose to 25 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System, 15 years of initial confinement followed by 10 years of extended supervision. Rose will serve this sentence consecutive to any other sentence.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Rock County Sheriff's Office in conducting the investigation, and we thank the victim's family for assisting in the investigation and addressing the court at sentencing by providing victim impact statements.

Our office believes that the case highlights how, with the help of community members and law enforcement, the criminal justice system can address the issue and danger of intoxicated driving in in our society. Assistants District Attorney Rich Sullivan and Jason Sanders prosecuted the case for the State of Wisconsin.

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