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(Neb.)- Minatare Man Faces Charges In Fatal Crash



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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A Minatare man could go to trial next month on vehicular homicide and drunken driving charges he faces in a fatal crash.

21-year-old Drew Schmaltz also faces a manslaughter charge. Jurors in his trial would deem whether he's guilty of vehicular homicide, the lesser offense of manslaughter or not guilty.

Police say Schmaltz was driving a vehicle carrying five other men when it went off the road and rolled three times. Five of the six people in the vehicle were ejected, and 21-year-old Taylor Magdaleno died.

Court records say that at the time of the crash, Schmaltz had a blood alcohol level of .155, nearly twice the legal driving limit.