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Test shows alcohol in fatal crash

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BELLEVUE -- Jarrod Wayne Bandy told police he had been drinking before the crash that killed a 20-year-old Bellevue-area man, according to court documents charging Bandy with vehicular homicide.

A test of his blood later revealed a level of alcohol two times the legal limit of 0.08, the documents state.

However, test results of blood taken from 22-year-old Ryan Kellogg, the driver of the BMW that Bandy hit Saturday night, were "very low," Bellevue police said Wednesday and criminal charges against him are unlikely.

Bandy, 21, of Sequim, was charged Wednesday with one count of vehicular homicide and two counts of vehicular assault for allegedly causing the crash that killed Robert Vasen and two counts of vehicular assault for injuries to Kellogg and Steven J. Regener, a passenger in Kellogg's car.

Bandy is being held at the King County Jail in lieu of \$350,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in court for arraignment April 5.

After the accident, charging papers say at least two of the five passengers in Bandy's 1993 Jeep Cherokee told police Bandy had been "acting weird." Driving eastbound on Northeast Second Street in Bellevue, Bandy turned up his stereo and started dancing in his seat. One of his friends said he might have been drinking.

Bandy was driving at up to 50 mph on an uphill section of the road, witnesses reported, when he saw yellow light at the intersection of 108th Avenue Northeast and accelerated to beat the red light.

Witnesses told police the light was red when Bandy entered the intersection and slammed into the driver's side of the BMW, carrying Kellogg and four passengers.

Prosecutors said Bandy admitted to running the light. He also told police that he had consumed both beer and vodka prior to the crash.

Both Kellogg and Bandy were arrested at the scene for investigation of vehicular assault and blood was drawn from both drivers for a blood-alcohol test.

Although he declined to offer specifics about the test results, Bellevue Officer Greg Grannis said Kellogg's results were low enough that detectives won't recommend filing charges against him.

"He's no longer under investigation for vehicular assault," Grannis said.

Kellogg and two of his passengers were taken to Overlake Hospital Medical Center nearby, and another of Kellogg's passengers was taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for treatment of injuries. Vasen, 20, also was taken to Harborview Medical Center, where he later died of severe head and neck injuries. His memorial service was held Wednesday.

None of Bandy's five passengers was injured, and Bandy was taken to Overlake Hospital for observation before he was booked at the jail.

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