

Man pleads not guilty in fatal crash

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Jarrod Bandy appears in court.

SEATTLE - A Seattle man on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to charges of vehicular homicide and assault for an accident that killed a University of Washington student and injured two other people.

Police say Jarrod Bandy, 21, had a blood alcohol level of twice the legal limit when the crash occurred a little over a week ago.

Charging papers say Bandy was driving a Jeep Cherokee, with five friends in the car with him, when he ran a red light at a high speed at a downtown Bellevue intersection and struck a BMW carrying five young people.

Robert Vasen, 20, a former Bellevue High School student who was riding in the back seat of the BMW, suffered a catastrophic brain injury and died the next night at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

The driver of the BMW, Ryan Kellogg, 22, was hospitalized with a lacerated spleen, while another passenger, Steven Regener, 21, was hospitalized with a neck fracture.

Bandy's lawyer said Bandy has a clean record and is not a flight risk and asked the judge to lower bail from \$350,000. The judge lowered it to \$50,000 cash on the condition that if he

makes bail he will be placed on electronic home monitoring.

Bandy was ordered not to have any contact with Vasan's family or any of the people who were in the two cars at the time of the accident. He was also ordered not to drive a motor vehicle or drink alcohol.

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