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Green Bay man sentenced in street racing car crash



Jason Wright Jr., 23, appears in Brown County Circuit Court on April 17 to be sentenced on charges related to a street racing incident in Green Bay that injured two people. SARAH KLOEPPING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

District Attorney: ‘Really remarkable in some respects that this did not cause anyone’s death’

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A Green Bay man was sentenced April 17 to three years in prison for causing a car crash on Velp Avenue just over a year ago after street racing with another vehicle, actions the defendant himself described as “wrong, selfish, dangerous and immature.”

Jason Wright Jr., 23, pleaded no contest Jan. 23 to two counts of second-degree reckless injury and one count of injury by the intoxicated use of a vehicle.

The intoxicated use of a vehicle charge stemmed from THC being detected in Wright’s blood at the time of the crash.

Around 7 p.m. April 1, Wright was driving a red Dodge Challenger eastbound on Velp Avenue when he began racing with a black truck, later identified to be driven by Timothy Mossberger, 36, of Green Bay, according to a criminal complaint. Witnesses said the cars were driving at high speeds and weaving in and out of traffic.

Tony Brink of Green Bay was driving his work van home after picking up dinner, attempting to turn left from Velp

Avenue onto Wilson Avenue, when Wright’s car struck the van. Brink’s shin bones were crushed by his engine bay and he suffered whiplash and nerve damage.

In hindsight, Brink told the Green Bay Press-Gazette he may have been killed in the crash if he was driving a different car and the engine bay hit his core, not his legs.

A passenger in Wright’s car sustained life-threatening injuries, the complaint said. The passenger had broken legs, required surgery on his head and stomach and was in coma for a couple of weeks after the accident, Assistant District Attorney Caleb

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People walk near an anti-U.S. billboard in Tehran, Iran, on April 20. A two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran is set to expire on April 22. MAJID ASGARIPOUR/WEST ASIA NEWS AGENCY VIA REUTERS

War talks on shaky ground

Talks uncertain after U.S. seizes Iranian ship

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USA TODAY

Iran is considering attending peace talks with the United States in Pakistan, a senior Iranian official told Reuters on April 20, following moves by Islamabad to end a U.S. blockade of Iran’s ports, a major hurdle for Iran to rejoin peace efforts. However, the official stressed that no decision had been made.

With a two-week ceasefire set to expire on April 22, a senior Iranian official said Tehran was “positively reviewing” its participation but no final decision had been made. The comments conveyed a clear change of tone from earlier statements ruling out attendance and pledging to retaliate for U.S. aggression.

The Iranian official said mediator Pakistan was making positive efforts to end the U.S. blockade and ensure Iran’s participation.

The ceasefire had appeared in jeopardy after the United States said it had seized an Iranian cargo ship on April 19 that tried to evade its blockade in the Strait of Hormuz and Tehran vowed to retaliate.

The U.S. military said it had fired on

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Wisconsin home to 2 of most snake-filled waters

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As spring emerges and people slither over to Wisconsin’s waterways, coming across any of the state’s snakes has become a renowned and common experience.

So it might not come as a surprise then that, according to World Atlas, two Wisconsin regions are home to some of the country’s most snake-infested waters: Door County and the Mississippi River.

Lush foliage and changing water levels create a fantastic environment for snakes and their behavior, the Atlas said. The diverse Wisconsin ecology

means there are many types of snakes as well, from watersnakes and garters to rattlesnakes and hog-noses.

Which snakes call Door County home?

Two of Wisconsin’s snakes can be found in parts of northern and central Wisconsin but have a special presence in Door County.

The eastern ribbonsnake is a semi-aquatic endangered snake native to eastern North America. In true Wisconsin fashion, ribbonsnakes hibernate from November to March.

Ribbonsnakes are a generally uncommon sight in Wisconsin but, when seen, are usually found in bogs or right

inside other water features.

Northern ring-necked snakes are the other slithery creature with an inclination to environments like Door County.

Northern ring-necks are not endangered or threatened and thus more widespread than other snakes in Wisconsin. They prefer moist ecosystems with deciduous plant life.

What snakes live around the Mississippi River?

According to the Wisconsin DNR, these snakes are more exclusive to the Mississippi River and its adjacent floodplains:

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An eastern massasauga is among only two venomous snakes that live in the wild in Wisconsin. This one, however, was photographed at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

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