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Woman Sentenced to 9 Years for Vehicular Homicide and DUI in Fatal Commerce City Crash

Robbin Leigh Verser (DOB 1/18/58) was sentenced to 9 years in prison Thursday in the Nov. 21 crash in Commerce City that claimed the life of Ashley Nicole Bradberry, 24.

Verser had a blood alcohol content more than seven times the legal limit at 4:41 a.m. on Nov. 21 when she ran a red light on Highway 85 at 60th Avenue and broadsided Bradberry, who was driving home from work. She was killed on impact. Verser's BAC was .402 when first measured at the hospital and was .358 an hour later.

"Ashley was killed on impact," senior deputy district attorney M.J. Flaum told the court at the sentencing hearing. "I will never forget that scene. She was sitting, still holding an Egg McMuffin sandwich she had purchased on her way home from work."

Flaum asked the judge for a sentence that reflects "the monumental loss that was suffered. The defendant's choices made her a very, very dangerous person. This homicide was senseless, tragic, foreseeable and certainly preventable."

Adams County District Judge John Popovich, Jr., sentenced Verser to 9 years in prison plus 5 years' parole. The sentencing range was 4 to 12 years.

"We are very sorry for the loss of Ashley Bradberry," said District Attorney Dave Young. "We hope the 9-year sentence brings a sense of justice to the family. This case is a prime example of the extreme dangers of drinking and driving. I hope the sentence sends a message that this conduct will not be tolerated in our community."

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