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Aurora Man Convicted in Incident that Resulted in Teen's Paralysis

Road rage takes many forms and can have tragic consequences as an Adams County District Court trial demonstrated this week.

Kenneth Duane Schlager (DOB 03/12/1955) was convicted of felony criminal mischief and three counts of misdemeanor reckless endangerment late Tuesday for throwing a rake at a Jeep for speeding down his Aurora neighborhood street on November 1, 2015.

The rake broke the windshield of the Jeep, causing the 20-year-old driver to lose control of the vehicle, which struck a parked car and rolled. Sixteen-year-old Alexandra Galvan, a passenger in the vehicle, was paralyzed in the crash. Her 20-year-old brother, Marcus Segura, was driving the Jeep.

Schlager was raking leaves in his front yard at 2241 Fulton Street when he yelled at the car to slow down. The driver turned around and headed back to Schlager to confront him. Schlager stood in the street holding the rake. The car swerved to avoid hitting Schlager who witnesses said swung his rake "like a baseball bat", letting it go before it struck and shattered the windshield.

After the violent crash, Schlager got another rake and continued with his chores, said Deputy District Attorney Rayna Gokli. "He didn't call 911 or offer to help. He had no regard for the violence and destruction he left around him," she said.

The speed limit on the street was 25. Police said the Jeep was traveling at 36 miles per hour before the accident.

Schlager will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. on January 5 in Division F of Adams County District Court.

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