

Motor vehicular homicide charges filed

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An Arnold man has been charged with motor vehicular homicide in the death of a Gothenburg man during a blizzard on March 18.

Glen Smith, 57, of Gothenburg was killed when his pick-up was rear-ended by a Jeep Cherokee driven by 43-year-old William Warren of Arnold during a white-out.

The accident happened about 12 miles north of Gothenburg on Highway 47.

Custer County attorney Steve Bowers said described the charge as causing an unintentional death while doing an illegal act.

“We believe he (Warren) was driving too fast for conditions,” Bowers said.

Bowers noted that the case is still under investigation.

Warren suffered facial injuries in the crash and he and Smith were taken to Gothenburg Memorial Hospital where Smith died.

Bowers said Warren was cited for the accident at the time and was later arraigned and charged with motor vehicular homicide.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Warren on June 24 at 2 p.m. in Custer County Court.

He said toxicology results on Warren and autopsy results on Smith have not yet been released by the state.

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Officials do know that Warren was not wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred.

On March 18, strong winds, low visibility and slick roads contributed to about five accidents in Custer County, according to Custer County chief deputy sheriff Troy Smith.

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