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Marshall Convicted in 2021 Hit and Run Impaired Driving Fatality

On Thursday, October 16, 2025, Adam Kendall Marshall, age 26 of Wilmington, was convicted by a New Hanover County jury as charged of Felony Death by Motor Vehicle and Felony Hit and Run Causing Death. Judge G. Frank Jones sentenced Marshall in the presumptive range following North Carolina Structured Sentencing Guidelines to 51-74 months active in the Department of Adult Correction. Back in 2021 when charged with these crimes Marshall had bonded out within hours of his arrest, so he had no credit for time served when he was sentenced last Thursday.

Around dawn on September 19, 2021, a caller alerted authorities to a deceased man on the side of Carolina Beach Road, just south of Myrtle Grove Road. Ammad Brown, age 25, had been stopped off the side of the road just before one in the morning with a flat tire when he was struck and killed by a passing motorist. The vehicle that hit Brown was not on scene and there was no indication that anyone had attempted to render aid. Troopers with the North Carolina Highway Patrol responded and commenced their investigation into Brown's death. A joint investigation involving the State Highway Patrol, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, and North Carolina Department of License and Theft made use of a side mirror found at the scene, apparently from the suspect vehicle.

In days to come, investigators fanned out throughout New Hanover County, attempting physical contact with all owners of vehicles matching the make and model of the mirror, a 2014 Honda Civic XL. Additionally, a description of this vehicle was circulated to the media. Ultimately, they left a calling card at the residence of the defendant's girlfriend's father, the registered owner of the vehicle. Nine days after Brown's death, Highway Patrol received a call from Marshall's attorney, arranging to turn in his client to authorities. The defendant admitted to investigators at that point that, two days after Brown's death, he took the suspect vehicle to a body shop for repair two hours away in Rockingham, NC. Troopers immediately seized the vehicle, which had already undergone significant repairs. After the arrest, enlisting the support of the Carolina Beach Police Department, Highway Patrol endeavored to investigate whether there was any impairment leading up to the crash. Using business receipts, videotape, and the defendant's text message history, they developed an account of Marshall's alcohol consumption throughout the day leading up to the crash, culminating with five beers consumed in the now closed Cross Eyed Crab.

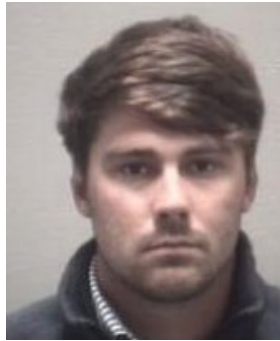
Marshall's girlfriend at the time, Lindsey Yelton, was initially charged with the Felony of Accessory After the Fact to Hit and Run and Aid and Abet Impaired Driving. After examining digital forensic evidence in the case, prosecutors determined that she appeared unaware that Marshall had hit a person at the time of the crash: her phone extraction data was inconsistent with behavior investigators typically

see in a hit-and-run situation and reflected that she believed Marshall's story to her that he had hit a deer.

District Attorney Jason Smith remarked, "Arrests are not always the end of an investigation, but an important phase in our journey to seek the truth of what happened. This case demonstrates how collaboration between my office and law enforcement can lead to additional investigative findings later in the life of a case."

A centerpiece of the presentation to the jury was showing them roughly an hour and 20 minutes of video from the Cross Eyed Crab, showing Marshall drinking five beers and becoming steadily more impaired. Marshall finished these beers within an hour of Brown being struck and killed.

"This defendant fled the scene of this fatal crash, leaving Amaad Brown to die alone on Carolina Beach Road. Despite Adam Marshall's efforts to evade capture, the work of investigators and the cooperation of business owners allowed the prosecution to present a case that included surveillance video of the defendant's actions leading up to the crash and the brutal aftermath. My office and the officers I advise will expend all efforts to hold people accountable for their actions, and this jury's verdict sends the message that our community expects this too," said District Attorney Jason Smith.



Adam Kendall Marshall