

Piercy man gets seven years for DUI death

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Anton Timothy Kloiber of Piercy was sentenced to seven years in state prison this month after pleading no contest in Lake County Superior Court to gross vehicular manslaughter while under the influence of drugs or alcohol with a special allegation for injuring a second victim.

Earlier this year, the 35-year-old Kloiber also pleaded guilty in Mendocino County to two felony counts of negligent discharge of a firearm, and was sentenced to two years in prison, which will be served at the same time as his Lake County prison sentence.

The fatal crash killed Kimberlee Annette Westbay, 52, on the morning of September 24, 2010, on Highway 20 near Blue Lakes.

Kloiber was driving west in a Chevy Tahoe when he drifted into the oncoming lane on a curve and slammed head-on into the Nissan pickup driven by Westbay. The Tahoe continued out of control, striking an eastbound Ford pickup with a glancing blow. Westbay died at the scene, and Kloiber was arrested for gross vehicular manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The driver of the Ford pickup escaped with minor injuries to his leg and back.

Kloiber was seen by a witness tossing four pill bottles from his Tahoe into the bushes after the crash.

California Highway Patrol officers testified at the preliminary hearing that Kloiber was seen driving erratically that morning, and while at the scene of the crash displayed classic symptoms of being under the influence of drugs.

In the December

2010 shooting incident, Kloiber pulled a shotgun and began shooting at his home in Piercy while his wife and two children sheltered inside. During the shooting rampage, either one of the spent shotgun

pellets or dislodged debris apparently struck Kloiber's 10-year-old son on the back of the neck.

After the boy was struck, Kloiber's wife came out of the home and confronted him. Kloiber then struck her in the head with the shotgun and threatened to kill her. When she tried to contact police, he smashed the phone.

The woman then left the home, taking the 10-year-old boy and a 16-year-old juvenile with her. The 10-year-old boy was not seriously injured.

Kloiber was arrested the next day.