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For Immediate Release:

Elbert County Man Will Spend 25 Years in Prison for DUI Crash that Left Child and Two Others Seriously Injured

Child Ejected onto Road, Mother and Sister also Suffered Severe Injuries

Castle Rock, CO – June 2, 2025. 32-year-old Chase Albert Lein of Elizabeth was sentenced to 25 years in prison for a DUI crash that injured several members of a family. In March, Lein plead guilty to felony vehicular assault, and felony child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury. His blood alcohol level was more than four times the legal limit.

Lein admitted to driving under the influence on April 10, 2024, when he ran a red light and crashed his truck at the intersection of Chambers Road and Mainstreet in Parker. His vehicle struck a Hyundai carrying three people, including a 12-year-old child who was ejected from the vehicle upon impact. The child suffered a fractured skull, while his sister had severe spinal injuries.

Diane Lampasona, the mother who was also injured in the crash, said she forgives Lein. “I don’t think he’s a monster. We all make mistakes in life, and we have to face the consequences. I pray for him.”

Deputy DA Joe Ratner said justice was served. “The defendant chose to drink and drive in broad daylight and a young family nearly paid the ultimate price for his selfish actions,” said Ratner. “There will be no tolerance for that in Douglas County.”

District Attorney George Brauchler thanked the excellent work of the Parker Police and emphasized the seriousness of the case, “We cannot predict or protect our families from drunk drivers. The only response society can have is to take away as much freedom as we can from those who hurt us while driving drunk.”

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