

Trooper's stepson charged in homicide

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SCRANTON — The stepson of a state police sergeant has been charged with homicide for causing a fatal crash in Wayne County three years ago.

Dean O'Halloran, 25, of Scranton, was charged Thursday in the death of Diane Glynn, 45, of Hawley, a University of Scranton English professor and single mother of three.

State police reopened their investigation in February after an attorney for the victim's family provided evidence from a civil lawsuit that showed O'Halloran's blood-alcohol level at nearly twice the legal limit for driving a few hours after the crash.

O'Halloran, then 22, drove across the center line of a road in Wayne County in April 2005 and slammed into a car driven by Glynn. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Tanner, O'Halloran called his stepfather, state police Sgt. Michael McTavish, from the scene. A state police trooper then arrived to investigate the crash but did not conduct a field sobriety test, nor did he ask O'Halloran to take a breath test or blood-alcohol test. Tanner told The Associated Press in February.

Tanner won a multimillion dollar settlement in February in a civil case against the driver and his company. He then pressed the state attorney general and state police to examine how the crash investigation was handled.

— From wire reports