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## Lāwa'i man arrested for fatal Christmas Eve 2020 crash

LĪHU'E – Sandon Igne was arrested Tuesday on an arrest warrant that was issued Monday that was based on a Grand Jury indictment. Igne was the operator of the truck that was involved in the fatal crash that occurred on Kaumuali'i Highway on December 24, 2020.

The 32-year-old Lāwa'i man was charged twice with Manslaughter, twice with Negligent Injury in the Second Degree, twice with Negligent Homicide in the First Degree, Negligent Injury in the First Degree, Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicant, Inattention of Driving, Reckless Driving, Promoting a Harmful Drug in the Fourth Degree, and Prohibited Acts related to drug paraphernalia.

Igne was traveling westbound in a 2011 Toyota Tacoma when his vehicle veered onto the westbound shoulder. The truck then crossed back over onto the westbound lane and subsequently onto the eastbound lane of the highway where it struck an oncoming 2018 Nissan sedan operated by a 19-year-old male of Hanamā'ulu with three other occupants.

Eugenia Villanueva, a 49-year-old Hanamāʿulu resident, who was a rear passenger in the Nissan sedan, suffered fatal injuries.

Delfin Geronimo, a 71-year-old 'Ele'ele resident, was a rear passenger of the Nissan sedan, and was initially medevaced to Queen's Medical Center on O'ahu where he later died as a result of his injuries. The front passenger of the Nissan sedan, a 19-year-old female of Hanamā'ulu, suffered serious

injuries and was admitted and later released from Wilcox Memorial Center. The driver of the Nissan sedan was treated and released at Wilcox Memorial Center.



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