

# Driver gets jail, probation for role in crash

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A Remus man will spend 30 days in jail for his role in the death of a 33-year-old co-worker last year.

Isabella County Trial Judge Mark Duthie also ordered Travis Lint to three years of probation, 200 hours of community service and several fines and costs in connection with the death of Valerie Lynn Booth on July 31 in a tragic car accident.

Lint will be given work release while in jail.

He had originally been charged with operating while intoxicated causing death, negligent homicide and drunken driving, but prosecutors agreed to drop the first charge in exchange for Lint pleading to the remaining charges.

Lint pleaded in January and faced a maximum of two years in prison for negligent homicide and 93 days in jail for drunken driving, Isabella County Principle Trial Attorney Bob Holmes said.

In sentencing Lint, 33, on Friday, Duthie called the case extremely sad and a true tragedy.

Booth's loved ones have suffered a loss that can never be replaced, the judge said.

"Nothing the court can do can right that wrong," Duthie said. "Or fill that void."

By reaching a plea agreement, both Booth and Lint's families avoided the pain of a trial with an un-

predictable outcome, Duthie said.

Duthie told Lint, who is a salesman at Bandit Industries, that he could travel out of state on business while on probation but not while he is on work release in jail.

Before the sentencing, a tearful Lint told the judge he wrote a statement that was "very difficult" and described meeting Booth in May 2006 when she applied for a job at Bandit.

Obviously perfect for the job, Lint said, Booth was

energetic, outgoing and had positive energy.

"She was incredible at

work and can never be replaced," Lint said.

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Sun photograph by RYAN EVANS

Travis Lint of Remus receives his sentencing from Judge Mark Duthie at the Isabella County Courthouse on Friday. Lint received 30 days in jail for his involvement in the accidental death of Valerie Lynn Booth in 2008.



Travis Lint speaks with his attorney Dan O'Neil after his sentencing on Friday