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NORFOLK - A man pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and drunken driving Tuesday for a wreck that killed his best friend.

Michael Shawver, 24, will be sentenced in April.

According to court documents, **Shawver** and friends Keven Kuhn and Steven Sheaffer started partying together about 7 p.m. April 29 at **Shawver's** home. They later went to some bars in Virginia Beach and decided to end the evening at Waterside in downtown Norfolk. **Shawver** was to be the designated driver. Kuhn and Sheaffer were separated from him and did not know what he had to drink.

The three left Waterside about 1:45 a.m. April 30 in **Shawver's** truck, according to court documents. They did not get far. As **Shawver** pulled onto the on-ramp for Interstate 264 East from Waterside Drive, he ran off the road and hit a guardrail. The truck then careened across all lanes of traffic, hit the guardrail on the other side of the road and turned over.

Sheaffer was ejected from the front passenger seat. He died at the scene. He was 28.

Troopers interviewed **Shawver** at the scene. He said he had two drinks.

Tests showed his blood-alcohol concentration was .20. The legal limit for driving in Virginia is .08.

Shawver's attorney, Andrew Protogyrou, said his client told hospital staff to save his friend.

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