

# Fargo man's family upset over plea deal in fatal shooting

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FARGO — The family of a Fargo man who was shot and killed at a New Year's Eve party is speaking out, upset about a plea deal offered to the man who allegedly pulled the trigger.



According to a signed plea agreement, 27-year-old Myron Johanson, of Wolverton, Minnesota, will spend 5½ years in prison for manslaughter.

Michelle Sanger, Jordan Boehm's mother, said there is still so much she misses about her 22-year-old son.

"The random calls, or random texts, or 'Mom, can I come stay the night?'" she said. "The pop-ins on Saturday nights when we didn't even know he was in town."

Boehm was killed early on New Year's Day while attending a house party along U.S. Highway 75 near Wolverton, about 20 miles south of Moorhead. According to police, witnesses said Johanson pointed the gun at people throughout the night, including to the head of



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Michelle Sanger with her son, Jordan Boehm. Sanger says she is devastated by the plea deal in her son's New Year's Eve shooting death, and that she still struggles with his absence and believes the case should have gone to trial for a stronger charge.

two different people.

Witnesses told police Johanson then put the gun under Boehm's chin and said "Do you trust me?" The gun then went off.

"He took blame for doing it, and he wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol," said Desiree Snyder, Boehm's cousin.

According to Snyder, the investigation revealed several other people had possession of the gun that night. Boehm's family said Jordan was one of them.

Boehm tried to keep

the gun away from Johanson, but he got it back. Johanson claimed at his change of plea hearing he did not know the gun was loaded, though witnesses told a different story.

"Handling the firearm throughout the night, pointing it at people, loading it, putting the magazine in, racking a round, and then pointing it at Jordan, I think that's more than a bad decision," Snyder said.

That's why the family said they are upset with the plea deal. They had previously sent a letter to

Jason Hastings, Wilkin County attorney, asking that the charge be upgraded to second-degree murder and let a jury decide the case.

"Any average person would say this is murder," Snyder said.

Boehm's family plans to pack the Wilkin County courtroom when Johanson is sentenced in late May. They admit it likely will not change the sentence.

WDAY News reached out to the Wilkin County Attorney's Office for comment but did not hear back.

# Man charged in Hankinson threat case

BY SHOBA DASARI  
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HANKINSON — A Hankinson man is facing a felony charge after authorities say he threatened to kill two individuals, promoting a 911 call and a law enforcement response.

Quincy Donell James has been charged in Richland County District Court with terrorizing, a Class C felony, in connection with an April 22, 2026, incident in Hankinson.

According to a probable cause summary from the Richland County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched after a 911 caller reported a threat involving the defendant. The investigation found that two individuals had allegedly been threatened



by James. Authorities say James approached a residence driveway and told one person he was going to kill her. The report states he made a similar threat to the 911 caller. Both individuals told law enforcement they feared for their lives.

The charge alleges that James acted with intent to place others in fear for their safety or in reckless disregard of causing such fear, in violation of North Dakota law.

The case has been filed in Southeast Judicial District Court and James is being with held at Richland County Jail.

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