

Drink Driver Convicted Following Fatal Road Collision



A drink driver who caused the death of a man following a road collision in Edinburgh last year has been convicted.

At Edinburgh Sheriff Court today (Friday) Keith McCardle pleaded guilty to death by dangerous driving and drink driving following the death of 43-year-old Gavin Fulton on 8th December 2012.

McCardle, 51, was intoxicated while behind the wheel before his vehicle was involved in a collision with Mr Fulton on Dundas Street.

He will be sentenced at a later date.

Inspector Tracey Robinson from Police Scotland's Road Policing Department said: "Keith McCardle knew he was over the limit when he got into his vehicle and began driving.

"His disregard for the legal alcohol limit has resulted in the tragic death of Gavin Fulton and left his wife and children devastated.

"This incident was all the more heart-breaking given it happened over Christmas and McCardle's arrest and subsequent guilty plea should serve as a reminder that police are robustly monitoring our roads to identify those driving while under the influence.

"We are currently running our festive drink-driving campaign and I would stress that the risk of being caught, should you chose to drive whilst intoxicated, has never been higher.

“You will be caught. You will be prosecuted and you will have to deal with the consequences for the rest of your life.”