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Subject: Why hasn't Ashely Welch, Haywood Co. DA, pressed Felony Charges against Jackee Brown?

Sections of N.C.G.S. § 20-141.4. appear applicable to Jackee Brown, Wife of Waynesville Mayor Gavin Brown, who smashed into the Ramsey's pick-up truck on the morning of Christmas Eve while driving drunk (BAC = 0.17). The following is the General Statute, with the possible applicable sections highlighted in red.

§ 20-141.4. Felony and misdemeanor death by vehicle; felony serious injury by vehicle; aggravated offenses; repeat felony death by vehicle.

- (a3) Felony Serious Injury by Vehicle. - A person commits the offense of felony serious injury by vehicle if:
- (1) The person unintentionally causes **serious injury** to another person,
 - (2) The person was engaged in the offense of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1 or G.S. 20-138.2, and
 - (3) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the proximate cause of the serious injury.
- (a4) Aggravated Felony Serious Injury by Vehicle. - A person commits the offense of aggravated felony serious injury by vehicle if:
- (1) The person unintentionally causes **serious injury** to another person,
 - (2) The person was engaged in the offense of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1 or G.S. 20-138.2,
 - (3) The commission of the offense in subdivision (2) of this subsection is the proximate cause of the serious injury, and
 - (4) The person has a previous conviction involving impaired driving, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(24a), within seven years of the date of the offense.
- (b) Punishments. - Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, the following classifications apply to the offenses set forth in this section:
- (3) **Aggravated felony serious injury by vehicle is a Class E felony.**
 - (4) **Felony serious injury by vehicle is a Class F felony.**

Serious Injury is the operative phrase.

Jackee Brown slammed into the Ramsey's pick-up truck at a yet unknown speed. All three people were unconscious, according to WPD Chief Bill Hollingsed, and taken to Hospitals.

From the WLOS on-line report **Police charge mayor's wife with DWI. Updated: Wed, Dec 30 2015, 05:24 PM | Jon Ostendorff, jgostendorff@wlos.com**, written by Becky Johnson's husband, no less

<http://www.wlos.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Police-charge-mayor-39-s-wife-with-DWI-246571.shtml>

Ostendorff writes:

“ ... Gary Ramsey was driving the truck. The couple was one the way to do some last-minute Christmas shopping. He suffered a broken wrist, broken ribs and a head injury, his daughter said this week. Cindy Ramsey was also **seriously injured**. Both are recovering at home. The Ramsey family spent Christmas Eve in the hospital with them. ...”

During Jon Ostendorff's televised interview with Ashely Ramsey [re: Recorded DVR on 12/28 6:00pm, and audio recorded], she stated that"

"... when I walked back into the ER, there was blood all around his head, he had still chunks of glass from the vehicles in his face. The nurses were working on pulling it out, giving him stitches - it was hard. ..."

I have not seen the medical reports of the Ramsey's, as they were not contained in Jackee Brown's Criminal Case File 15CR54674, but I'll wager an Indian Head Nickle, that Ashley Welch has those reports.

So the question is, Why hasn't Ashely Welch filed Felony Charges against Jackee Brown yet? It now gives the appearance of impropriety for waiting so long. Does Jackee Brown get special treatment because she is Waynesville Mayor Gavin Brown's wife?

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