

Alleged racer takes plea deal

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20-year-old Brian James Overton of Lenoir accepted a plea deal this week that will require him to speak to area high school students about the dangers of street racing.

On March 2 of 2006, reports from the Lenoir Police Department say Overton and Hibriten High School's 16-year-old Adam Collins Lackey were racing along McLean Drive Extension towards U.S. 321 when the cars collided and ran off the road. Overton's car was allegedly driving at speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour, while Lackey was driving over 60 miles per hour. The cars flipped down a 40-foot bank, and both men were found outside their vehicles. Lackey died at Carolinas Medical Center after sustaining severe head injuries. Overton, who was uninjured in the accident, also received a suspended sentence of 45 days in the custody of the Department of Correction for the misdemeanor death by vehicle and reckless driving charges. He was given 45 days for the speed competition and aggressive driving charges and 48 months of supervised probation. Additionally, Overton's license was revoked and he must serve 400 hours of community service and visit at least three county high schools annually with law enforcement officers to discuss the dangers of street racing while he completes his probation.