

South Dakota's AG Charged With 3 Misdemeanors in Fatal Crash

"South Dakota's Republican attorney general was charged Thursday with three misdemeanors for striking and killing a man with his car last summer, avoiding more serious felony charges in a case that raised questions about how the state's top law enforcement official first reported the crash," reports Stephen Groves in *AP News*.

"Jason Ravensborg could face up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine on each charge: careless driving, driving out of his lane and operating a motor vehicle while on his phone."

"Hyde County Deputy State's Attorney Emily Sovell said the evidence simply didn't support felony charges of vehicular homicide or manslaughter, which could have meant years of prison time. She noted Ravensborg wasn't intoxicated, and that a manslaughter charge would have required the state to show he "consciously and unjustifiably" disregarded a substantial risk."

Read the article.