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## Arrested Repeat Drunk Driver Suffers From PTSD



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(WCCO) A repeat drunk driver arrested Tuesday morning is an Iraq war vet and suffers from post traumatic stress disorder. His former attorney believes PTSD may have played a role in his latest brush with the law.

Anthony J. Klecker was arrested by Minnesota State Patrol troopers around 2:20 a.m., after plowing into a stalled vehicle on Interstate 94 in North Minneapolis.

Klecker's former attorney Brockton Hunter got to know him two years ago when he faced vehicular homicide charges in the death of 16-year-old Deanna Casey.

Hunter represents many veterans who have returned from combat and face serious criminal charges for their alleged actions off the battle field.

"Tony fought with the first marine division in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003 his unit was right at the front end of the invasion force," said Hunter.

Hunter says he remembers the horrible stories Klecker told him about his war experiences.

Psychologist Lawrence Panciera works with veterans who suffer from PTSD. He says a traumatic event triggers the disorder.

"From a psychological point of view means that the event triggers too much emotion so the person can't process it," said Lawrence Panciera.

So, no one knows what might have been on his mind when he crashed Tuesday morning.

Klecker underwent treatment for alcohol and PTSD at the VA hospital in St. Cloud. However, he did not complete it.

Deanna Casey's mother felt Klecker should have spent more time in prison for causing her daughter's death.

She hopes a conviction this time around will mean a harsher punishment.

Klecker is on parole for Casey's death.



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Anthony Klecker, of Shoreview, was convicted of criminal vehicular homicide following an alcohol-related crash in October 2006. That crash killed 16-year-old Deanna Casey, who was on her way home from work Hennepin County

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