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Drunk Driver Who Killed U.S. Cyclist McGerity in Russia Gets 3 Years in Prison

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Ron McGerity poses in front of the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square in Moscow.

A drunk driver who killed U.S. cyclist Ron McGerity in a hit-and-run on a highway in central Russia has been sentenced to three years in prison, prosecutors said Monday.

Nikolai Maximov, 50, was driving a Russian-made GAZ van on a federal highway from Kostroma to Ivanovo in July last year when he crashed into McGerity, 61.

Maximov fled the scene, but traffic police caught him soon afterward and established that he was drunk.

McGerity, a Boston native, had biked across more than 50 countries spanning four continents since 1995 to raise money for charity and promote world peace.

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