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## 3-year prison term for manslaughter

Punch was thrown;  
man fell, struck head

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A College Hill man was sentenced to three years in prison Wednesday for causing the death of Robert Hill during a street fight in 1997.

Kenneth Graham, 34, pleaded no contest to charges of involuntary manslaughter and felonious assault.

Although he faced up to 28 years in prison, Judge William Mathews, visiting judge in Hamilton County

Common Pleas Court, found Mr. Graham not guilty of assault and sentenced him to the minimum three years for manslaughter.

"It's a very positive resolution for the defendant," said Clyde Bennett, Mr. Graham's attorney. "He essentially avoided more than 20 years in prison."

Since Mr. Graham already has served nearly one year in jail, he only has about two years remaining on his sentence.

Prosecutors say Mr. Hill, 19, died July 1, 1997. They say Mr. Graham attacked Mr. Hill on a South Cumminsville street. After a

punch to the face, they say, Mr. Hill fell to the pavement and struck his head.

He died two days later at a hospital.

Mr. Graham was on the run for nearly a year before police caught up to him in Trotwood, Ohio.

Police tracked him down after seeing a photo of Mr. Graham posted at a nearby lake. He had his picture taken for having the catch of the day.

Detectives arrested him a few days later at Wysong Lake, where Mr. Graham was fishing again.