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A former University of Missouri fraternity member, Ryan P. Delanty, has pleaded guilty to charges of supplying liquor to a minor and misdemeanor hazing. The charges stem from an October 2021 incident that left fellow student Danny Santulli permanently blind, unable to speak, and confined to a wheelchair due to severe brain damage.

The hazing occurred at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house when Santulli, 19, was forced to drink a 1.75-liter bottle of Tito's vodka and consume beer through a tube. Santulli passed out on a sofa and began turning blue, yet no one called 911 immediately. Footage from the night shows fraternity brothers eventually carrying Santulli to a car for transportation to the hospital. By then, his blood alcohol content was 0.486, six times the legal limit.

Delanty, from Manchester, Missouri, entered his plea on Friday in Boone County. Prosecutors have proposed a six-month jail sentence followed by six months of house arrest, with sentencing scheduled for May 24.

In addition to Delanty, Thomas Shultz of Chesterfield, Missouri, also pleaded guilty in April to providing liquor to a minor. Shultz received a 30-day jail sentence, two years of probation, and was ordered to perform community service and complete a drug and alcohol education program.

Two other fraternity members, Samuel Gandhi and Alec Wetzler, pleaded guilty earlier in 2023. The fraternity chapter was suspended following the incident, and Santulli’s family filed a civil lawsuit against the fraternity and its members, which was settled in 2022 for an undisclosed amount. Santulli now requires round-the-clock care, with his family estimating medical expenses to exceed $2 million.