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## Eastpointe Man Sentenced in Drunk Driving Death

Mount Clemens, MI - Yesterday, 42-year-old Eric Compton of Eastpointe was sentenced by Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Diane Druzinski for his conviction in a drunk driving incident.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2021, Eric Compton was driving under the influence of alcohol and struck a motorcycle, carrying two passengers. One passenger died at the scene and the other passenger was critically injured.

On Monday, November 20, 2023, a Macomb County jury convicted Compton of Operating a Motor Vehicle with a High BAC Causing Death with a Prior Conviction (20 year felony) and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a High BAC Causing Serious Injury with a Prior Conviction (10 year felony) after a three-day jury trial by Assistant Prosecutor Steve Fox.

Yesterday, Compton was sentenced to 20-40 years for his conviction of Operating a Motor Vehicle with a High BAC Causing Death with a Prior Conviction and 9-20 years for his conviction of Operating a Motor Vehicle with a High BAC Causing Serious Injury with a Prior Conviction. He was sentenced as a habitual third offender.

“As a prosecutor, it's my duty to ensure justice is served for those whose lives have been tragically cut short by reckless actions. This sends a clear message that drunk driving will not be tolerated in Macomb County. We are committed to keeping our streets safer for everyone,” said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan.

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