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Man Out on Bond from Wayne County Kills Driver in Macomb County

Mt. Clemens, MI -Today, a 36 year old man was charged and arraigned in connection with a drunk driving accident causing the death of a man here in Macomb County.

It is alleged that on January 21, 2023 Demetrius Benson was driving west bound on 8 Mile Rd when he ran a red light, hitting a car driving south on Groesbeck. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. After the collision Benson fled, and tried to carjack a second individual driving a van. During that altercation Benson was dragged and run over by the van. The defendant broke both legs and sustained multiple other injuries but is expected to live. Benson was out on bond from Wayne County for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated 3rd (1-5 year felony).

“This is a tragic loss of life that could have been prevented, said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Benson is charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death (15 year felony), driving while license suspended causing death (15 year felony), attempted carjacking (5 year felony), possession of a control substance (4 year felony), and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated 3rd (1-5 year felony).

The defendant was arraigned in 37th District Court in front of Judge Chupa. Chupa set bond at \$500,000 cash/surety only, if bond is made he will have a steel GPS tether, and no alcohol or drugs.

The Macomb County Prosecutor’s office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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