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Wayne County Man Sentenced for Killing Man in Drunk Driving Crash

Mount Clemens, MI -Today, 36-year-old Demetrius Benson of Lincoln Park was sentenced for a drunk driving crash that caused a man's death in Warren.

It is alleged that on Saturday, 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 attempted to carjack a second individual.

Benson was charged and pled to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing death (15 year felony), driving while license suspended causing death (15 year felony), attempted carjacking (five year felony), possession of a controlled substance (four year felony), and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated 3rd offense (five year felony). He pled as a habitual third offender, doubling all of the penalties for each offense.

Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Kathryn Viviano sentenced Benson to the following:

- Count 1: Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death: 8-30 years
- Count 2: Operating While License Suspended Causing Death: 8-30 years
- Count 3: Attempted Carjacking: 5-10 years
- Count 4: Possession of a Controlled Substance <25 grams: 4-8 years
- Count 5: Operating While Intoxicated 3rd Offense: 5-10 years

"This tragic incident underscores the devastating consequences of drunk driving. We stand united in our commitment to hold accountable those who choose to jeopardize the safety of our streets," 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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