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Detroit Man Arraigned for Drunk Driving Resulting in a Man's Death

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, 52 year-old Clinton Donzell Laws of Detroit was arraigned in connection with a drunk driving incident causing death in Eastpointe.

It is alleged that on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Clinton Laws collided with a man on a battery assisted bicycle at the intersection of Gratiot and Stephens. Police found full and empty alcohol bottles in the suspect's vehicle along with a cooler in the truck filled with ice and full beer bottles. Laws was found to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital due to his injuries.

Clinton Laws is charged with Operating while Intoxicated Causing Death (15 year felony), Driving While License Suspended Causing Death (15 Year Felony), and Driving with an Open Alcohol Container in a Vehicle (90 day misdemeanor).

Laws was arraigned in the Eastpointe District Court in front of Magistrate Mark Makowski where bond was set at \$600,000 cash/surety only, no 10% and upon release he is to not leave the state, wear an alcohol/GPS tether, be on home confinement, and not use drugs or alcohol.

The probable cause hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 and the preliminary exam is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023 in front of District Court Judge Kathleen Galen.

"This incident serves as a reminder that the choices we make have far-reaching consequences and we will seek accountability for the loss that occurred," 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. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.