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Wayne County man pleads no contest on all counts

Mt. Clemens, MI -This week, a 36 year old Lincoln Park man, pled no contest in connection with a drunk driving accident causing 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 driving a van.

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 control substance (four year felony), and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated 3rd (five year felony). He pled as a habitual third offender, doubling all of the penalties for each offense.

"Thank you to the Warren Police Department and our dedicated staff for their hard work and determination in obtaining this conviction on all charges. I would also like to thank the civilian witnesses who stopped at the scene of the crash, attempted to render aid to the victim and cooperated with law enforcement," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 8:30am in front of Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Kathryn Viviano.

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.