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VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED IN FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged William Floyd Craner, 45 of Van Buren Township in connection with a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred on July 15, 2007 at approximately 9:05 p.m. at Michigan east of Haggerty in Canton. The crash killed Anthony S. Quasarano, 46 of Romulus.

Earlier on July 15, 2007 Mr. Craner was driving a 1982 Chevrolet Camaro near Ecorse Road and Haggerty when he allegedly hit the car of a female motorist. When the driver failed to stop she reported the incident to 911 from her cell phone giving a description of the suspect and the vehicle that hit her. At Michigan Avenue and Bellville Road a Canton police officer observed a Camaro in a gas station parking lot. When the officer was able to see Mr. Craner's face he sped onto Michigan Avenue. The officer activated his lights and siren to get Mr. Craner to stop but he failed to do so. For over two miles Mr. Craner allegedly accelerated to speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Mr. Craner was speeding through the intersection of Michigan and Haggerty when he hit Mr. Quasarano who was on his motorcycle. Mr. Quasarano died a short time later from injuries sustained in the crash.

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Mr. Craner has been charged with Second Degree Murder, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison; Manslaughter with a Motor Vehicle, which carries a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, and Fleeing and Alluding Causing Death, which carries a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

“This is a disturbing case where an innocent motorcycle driver was killed in a car crash by a person who failed to recognize that a car is a lethal weapon,” said Prosecutor Worthy.

Mr. Craner will be arraigned on the warrant on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 in the morning at 35th District Court, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, Michigan.