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Grosse Pointe Teen Charged in Grosse Pointe Farms Fatal Car Crash

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged a 17-year-old male, in connection with a car crash that killed Flynn Mackrell, 18, both of Grosse Pointe. The defendant is not being charged as an adult; he has been adult designated. This means that upon conviction an adult designation allows the judge to have the option of sentencing the defendant as a juvenile, or as an adult, or to fashion a blended juvenile sentence with the option of imposing an adult sentence if the juvenile is not rehabilitated.

On November 17, 2023, at approximately 9:05 p.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police officers were dispatched to the area of Ridge Road and Moran Road for a reported single vehicle crash. Upon their arrival, officers located the defendant belted into the driver's seat and the victim unresponsive, belted into the passenger seat. Medics arrived on the scene and pronounced Mr. Mackrell deceased.

It is alleged that the defendant was driving at a high rate of speed in a residential area, when he lost control of the vehicle and left the roadway, striking a utility pole and a tree, fatally wounding Mr. Mackrell. The defendant has been charged with Second-Degree Murder. *

"The evidence in this case will show that the defendant was driving in a residential neighborhood at speeds that rival speeding on our Michigan freeways. Sadly, Mr. Mackrell lost his life as a result. We know that the rules of the road exist for a reason, speed kills. Driving 25 in a residential neighborhood is mandated, not a mere suggestion," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

The Preliminary Hearing was held this afternoon before Referee Leslie Graves at the Lincoln Hall of Justice and the defendant received a \$10,000 cash/surety bond. His Preliminary Examination is scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., before Judge Cylenthia Miller. The defendant is represented by attorney Jeffrey Schwartz.

*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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