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CHARGES ISSUED IN HIT AND RUN DEATH OF JUDGE JOHN PERRY

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged a man and woman in connection with the April 12, 2004 hit and run death of 36 District Court Judge John Perry.

Mitchell W. Gadzinski, 23, of Detroit, was charged with:

- 1) Failure to Stop at the Scene of an Accident When at Fault Resulting in Death. Felony: 15 years and/or \$10,000;
- 2) Arson – Real Property. Felony: 10 years;
- 3) Arson – Personal Property, \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000. Felony: 5 years and/or \$10,000;
- 4) False Report of a Felony. Felony: 4 years and/or \$2,000.

Gwendolyn R. Baxter, 26, of Mount Clemens was charged with:

- 1) Accessory After the Fact to a Felony. Felony: 5 years and/or \$10,000;
- 2) False Report of a Felony. Felony: 4 years and/or \$2,000.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy said, "We want to let people know that they must stop if they hit a pedestrian; just as you would want someone to stop if it were your family member. The family of Judge Perry has experienced needless anguish because someone failed to do this simple act."

The arraignment will be held before Judge Paul J. Paruk of the 31st District Court in Hamtramck, Michigan in the early afternoon.

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