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DETROIT POLICE COMMANDER ENTERS PLEA

Today Detroit Police Department Commander Todd Bettison, 30 entered a no contest plea to Operating While Impaired before Judge Ron Giles of the 36th District Court. The charge is a misdemeanor, which carries a penalty of up to 93 days in jail. He will be sentenced on March 7, 2008.

Commander Bettison was originally charged with Operating Under the Influence of Liquor and Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence of Liquor. Both charges are misdemeanors, which carry a penalty of up to 93 days in jail.

On April 28, 2007 Commander Todd Bettison was off duty and alone driving a department issued vehicle when he crashed into a utility pole located on Hayes and Seymour in the City of Detroit. Commander Bettison was operating the car under the influence of alcohol at the time he struck the pole.

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