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Canton Man Charged in Gratiot Avenue Fatal Car Crash

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Amir Khalid, 41, of Canton, in connection with a car crash that killed, eight-year-old Savannah Allen, and 15-year-old Syiana Allen, and injured a 16-year-old girl, all of Detroit.

On August 23, 2025, at approximately 12:39 a.m., Detroit police officers were dispatched to the area of Gratiot Avenue and August Street for a reported car crash. Upon their arrival, officers observed the victims' vehicle on the sidewalk in front of a gas station in the 12600 block of Gratiot Avenue and Savannah trapped inside. Officers extracted Savannah from the vehicle and medics transported the victims to a local hospital for treatment. Savannah and Syiana succumbed to their injuries and were pronounced deceased a short time later.

It is alleged that Defendant Khalid was driving recklessly at a high rate of speed northbound on Gratiot Avenue when he collided with the victims' vehicle as they were turning onto August Street, fatally injuring Savannah and Syiana, and non-fatally injuring the 16-year-old victim.

Amir Khalid has been charged with two counts of Reckless Driving Causing Death and one count of Reckless Driving Causing Serious Injury.*

He was arraigned on August 25, 2025, in 36th District Court before Magistrate Joseph Boyer and received a \$250,000 cash/surety bond with a GPS tether and conditions of a 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew, and no driving.

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The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for September 4, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., and the Preliminary Examination is scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., before Judge Marlena Taylor.

Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Detroit Police Department.

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

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