

Press Release

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Fatal accident investigation results in charge of Reckless Homicide

On Wednesday, January 24th at approximately 4:52 pm, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a traffic accident on Peace Road south of Pleasant Street. The initial investigation showed that a 2007 Ford Mustang driven by Kevin Taylor was traveling south on Peace Road. Taylor's vehicle lost control after crossing the intersection with Pleasant Street and collided with a northbound, 2014 Toyota Corolla driven by Rachel Jimenez. Taylor was the sole occupant in his vehicle and Jimenez's vehicle was also occupied by a child. All three occupants of the vehicles were initially transported to Kishwaukee Community Hospital with serious injuries and later transferred to Rockford hospitals for further treatment. Rachel Jimenez sustained life threatening injuries and died as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash.

The DeKalb Police Department received assistance from the Illinois State Police and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office during the investigation. Investigating officers reviewed medical records and the vehicle's airbag control modules. The results of the investigation showed that excessive speed was a contributing factor that caused the crash, drugs and alcohol were not a factor in the accident.

The DeKalb Police Department reviewed the investigation with the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office. The following charges were approved against Taylor: Reckless Homicide, Aggravated Reckless Driving, Reckless Driving, and Speeding (more than 35 mph over posted speed limit). An arrest warrant was issued today for Taylor with bond set at \$15,000 / 10% to apply. Taylor has not been arrested as of the time of this release.

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