

Press Release

August 23, 2018

DeKalb Police investigate fatal traffic crash

On Thursday, August 23rd at approximately 4:37 am, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a traffic accident in the 800 block of East Fairview Drive. The initial investigation showed that a 2015 Jeep Cherokee driven by Jonathan Wood was traveling east on Fairview Drive. Wood's vehicle crossed the fog line for eastbound traffic and struck a bicyclist who was also traveling east. Wood was the sole occupant in his vehicle. The bicyclist sustained life-threatening injuries, was transported to Kishwaukee Hospital, and died as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash. The identity of the bicyclist is being withheld pending notification of the family by the DeKalb County Coroner.

The DeKalb Police Department received assistance from the Illinois State Police and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office during the investigation.

The DeKalb Police Department has charged Wood with Improper Overtaking, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and Improper Lane Usage. Wood is scheduled to appear in court on 09/28/2018. The investigation into any additional contributing factors is ongoing.

Offender: Jonathan D. Wood
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