

Press Release

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### **Fatal accident investigation results in charge of Aggravated DUI / Reckless Homicide**

On Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at approximately 4:37 am, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a traffic accident in the 800 block of E. Fairview Drive. The initial investigation showed that a 2015 Jeep Cherokee driven by Jonathon Wood was traveling east on Fairview Drive. Wood's vehicle struck a bicyclist who was also traveling east. The bicyclist, Carlos Melendez, was transported to Kishwaukee Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. Wood was the sole occupant in his vehicle and was not injured.

The DeKalb Police Department received assistance from the Illinois State Police and DeKalb County Sheriff's Office during the investigation. The results of the investigation showed that Wood was under the influence of cannabis at the time of the crash.

The DeKalb Police Department reviewed the investigation with the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office. The following charges were approved against Wood: Aggravated Driving Under the Influence (Fatal), Reckless Homicide, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, and Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis. An arrest warrant was issued for Wood with bond set at \$25,000 / 10% to apply. DeKalb Police, assisted by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, arrested Wood at his residence on 10/09/2018. He was processed through booking and released after posting bond. Wood has a court date of 11/07/2018.

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