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### Bloomington Police Investigate Fatal Crash

On September 18, 2022 at approximately 1:50 a.m., officers with the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) responded to the intersection of N Walnut Street and 12th Street in reference to a crash with injury. Several witnesses called 911 to report that the vehicle involved in the crash had fled the scene and was last seen traveling northbound on Walnut Street at a high rate of speed. It was reported that the suspect vehicle had struck a person riding an electric scooter and that the rider of the scooter was badly injured.

Officers arrived on scene and located a 20 year-old man lying along the east edge of the roadway just north of the intersection. An ambulance arrived shortly thereafter and transported the man to the IU Health Bloomington Hospital. As officers were on scene, an officer with the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) located the suspect vehicle at the intersection of 19th Street and Lincoln Street. BPD officers responded to that intersection and observed a black 2012 Mercedes-Benz passenger car with damage to the windshield. Officers also located a badly damaged electric scooter nearby. A security officer that had been driving through the area advised officers that they had seen the passenger car driving northbound on Lincoln Street and it sounded as if the car was dragging something. The security officer stated that the car stopped at the intersection of 19th Street and Lincoln Street and a female got out of the driver's seat and a male got out of the front passenger seat. The security officer heard individuals nearby tell the occupants of the vehicle that they were dragging an electric scooter under the car and the bystanders helped the driver remove it just prior to IUPD arriving on scene.

The driver of the vehicle, identified as Madelyn N. Howard (22, Crown Point), failed dexterity tests and was taken into custody. She was transported to the IU Health Bloomington Hospital for a blood draw, then to the Bloomington Police Department for further questioning. At approximately 6:00 a.m., BPD was notified by the hospital that the victim had died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Investigators were able to view security camera footage from a business located near the scene of the crash and the involved vehicle can be seen driving by at the time of the crash with the passenger side tires up on the sidewalk on the east side of Walnut Street. The vehicle appears to be traveling at a high rate of speed and an individual on the sidewalk can be seen jumping into the grass to avoid being struck by the vehicle just prior to it striking the victim on the scooter.

Madelyn N. Howard (DOB 11/07/1999) was transported to the Monroe County Jail and remanded for the following charges:

- Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Resulting in Death, level 4 felony
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury or Death While Intoxicated, level 3 felony.

The Bloomington Police Department is extremely appreciative of the assistance provided by the Indiana University Police Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

No further information is available to be released at this time.

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*Under Indiana law, criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*

A booking photo of Howard, courtesy of the Monroe County Jail, is attached.