



MEDIA RELEASE



BLOOMINGTON PD & MCLEAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2021

Pedestrian Dies after Being Struck by DUI Driver on Saturday

Bloomington, IL - The pedestrian, identified as Dezel Dotts, age 26, of Bloomington, Illinois who was struck by a DUI driver on Saturday is now deceased. Dotts had been at OSF St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington for treatment for his serious injuries since Saturday.

On Monday, 8/30/2021, at 6:30 p.m. McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder pronounced Dotts deceased. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Dotts died from cerebral and cervical injuries due to a pedestrian struck by an automobile. This incident remains under investigation by the McLean County Coroner's Office and the Bloomington Police Department.

Previous Release

For Immediate Release: August 30th, 2021

Pedestrian Seriously Injured after Hit and Run Crash; Driver Arrested

Bloomington, IL - On Saturday, 08-28-2021, at approximately 9:22 p.m., Bloomington officers were dispatched to the area of Six Points Rd and Juniper Ln for a motor vehicle traffic crash with injury. Upon arrival, officers located a 26-year-old male victim who was seriously injured from the crash. Officers and bystanders rendered first aid until the Bloomington Fire Department transported the male to OSF St. Joseph's Emergency Room.

During the investigation, officers learned the suspect vehicle, a pick-up truck, was traveling west on Six Point Rd when he struck the pedestrian. The driver then fled from the scene and did not report the accident. At approximately 11:00 p.m., officers located the driver walking near Four Seasons Rd and Ross Drive. The driver was identified as Thomas E. Hall, 61, of Bloomington. While speaking with Thomas, officers believed he may be impaired. Officers conducted a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) investigation and ultimately arrested Thomas for DUI and other traffic crash related offenses.

Hall was charged by the McLean County State's Attorney's Office with:

CNT 1 - AGG DUI/4

CNT 2 - AGG DUI/ACCIDENT/BODILY HARM

CNT 3 - FAILURE REPORT ACCIDENT/INJURY

Hall's bond was set at \$200,000 - 10% to apply. Anyone with information should contact BPD Officer Bryan McCall at 309-820-8888 or BMcCall@cityblm.org. All suspect(s) are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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