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Fatal Vehicle Crash – Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle

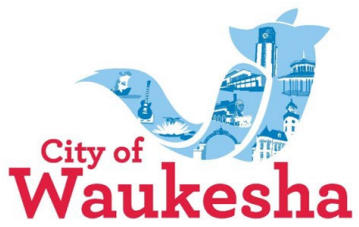
Sunset Drive / Guthrie Road, City of Waukesha

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The Waukesha Police Department is investigating a tragic incident that occurred on December 30, 2024 which resulted in the death of a 17-year-old and the arrest of a 19-year-old for homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle.

On December 30, 2024, at 7:25 p.m., the City of Waukesha Police and Fire Departments responded to a multiple vehicle crash at the intersection of E. Sunset Drive and Guthrie Road. Witnesses indicated that the crash resulted in one vehicle that had rolled over. Upon arrival, first responders provided medical treatment and identified that there were significant injuries. Flight for life was summoned to the scene and transported a 17-year-old victim to Froedtert Hospital. Sadly, the 17-year-old suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Other subjects involved suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were treated and later released.

The Waukesha Police Major Crash Task Force, with the assistance from the Wisconsin State Patrol Traffic Reconstruction Unit, are investigating this incident. The preliminary investigation has revealed that a suspect vehicle was traveling on Sunset Drive at a high rate of speed and failed to stop at the stop sign and struck two other vehicles. The driver of this vehicle, a 19-year-old, showed signs of impairment and was taken into custody for Operating While Intoxicated and will further face charges of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle.

The loss of a young life is devastating, and our thoughts are with the family and loved ones of the victim. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous and irresponsible and we will continue to aggressively pursue justice for the victim in this case.



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