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BOULEY CHARGED IN HIT AND RUN FATALITY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Shawn T. Bouley, 40, of Reeds Spring, Missouri, has been charged today with the felony of Leaving the Scene of an Accident. This charge is from events which occurred on January 22, 2017, at the intersection of South National and Cherry. Mr. Bradley Bizzle was struck by Mr. Bouley's vehicle and died as a result of the collision. At this time, the Springfield Police Department continues to investigate the cause of the collision to determine if there is sufficient evidence to support additional charges.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Copies of the felony complaint and probable statement filed in this case are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Caitlin Phoenix is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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Associate Division 24

Case No. 1731-CR00348

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



Date: 01/30/2017 Case #: SPD170123003113

I, CAITLIN PHOENIX, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that SHAWN T BOULEY, White/Male, DOB 10/05/1976, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2017/01/22 22:50 - 2017/01/22 22:57 at E CHERRY ST and S NATIONAL AVE in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01/22/2017 at 2256 hours, a dark colored motor vehicle traveling northbound on National in lane #2 struck BB walking on foot at the intersection with Cherry. After viewing surveillance video of the crash, it was evident BB walked from the southwest corner of the intersection diagonally across the intersection toward the northeast corner of the intersection, not in a marked crosswalk. BB was wearing a brown jacket, black backpack and dark colored pants. BB stopped walking in the northbound #2 lane and was stationary approximately two seconds before the involved vehicle drove northbound and struck him. The involved vehicle left the scene of the crash without stopping to check the well being of BB or leaving his/her name or other identifiers. BB was transported to Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced deceased as a result of his injuries.

I responded to the scene of the crash and documented and collected the evidence left in the roadway. Among the evidence left at the scene were numerous pieces of clear and orange plastic from a light on the suspect vehicle. I also collected a shattered side rearview mirror and a broken piece of black plastic.

On 01/23/2017 at approximately 1100 hours, I received information from the Stone County Missouri Sheriff that one of his employees had contacted him and stated he "hit a guy in Springfield last night when he was drunk." I responded to the Stone County Missouri Sheriff's Office and met with a male identified with a valid Missouri Class F Driver's License as Shawn Bouley. Bouley voluntarily responded to the Sheriff's Office to speak with me about the incident. He advised the Stone County Sheriff that his vehicle was at his residence in Redd Springs Missouri and was damaged. I requested he leave the vehicle at the residence until I could respond to the location.

The following is a summary of the post-Miranda Warning interview of Shawn Bouley:

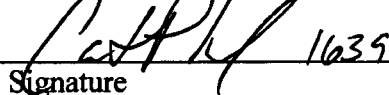
Bouley stated he was driving his 1995 Cadillac Seville northbound on National sometime after 2230 hours on 01/22/2017. He was enroute to a location at the intersection of National and Atlantic. Bouley said he was driving approximately 35-40 miles per hour near the college campus and was

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crossing an intersection when he heard a loud noise and realized his vehicle had struck something. Bouley said he thought the object was something large, possibly a dog or a human, but he did not stop to look because he was "scared." Bouley further explained he feared the object was a human. He stated he was scared to stop because he was "drunk" or "buzzed." Bouley said he woke up the following morning (01/23/2017) and read the news of the fatal pedestrian crash at the National and Cherry intersection on his smart phone. When he read that a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle and killed in Springfield, he knew it was him. According to Bouley, he looked at the front of his car and saw it was damaged. Bouley said he then called a co-worker and the Stone County Sheriff to inform them of the situation. Bouley said he was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle at the time of the crash.

After the interview, I responded to Bouley's residence where I located his vehicle parked in the driveway. There was a vehicle registration card inside the glove box containing Bouley's name and the corresponding vehicle information. The vehicle was a black 1995 Cadillac Seville (VIN: 1G6KY5293SU810005) with a Missouri license plate of plate KN6 N8J. I observed damage to the passenger side of the vehicle including broken front turn signals, a dented right front fender, a shattered section of windshield in the lower passenger side corner, a missing rearview side mirror glass on the passenger side, and a black piece of plastic missing from the mirror encasement. Short brown hair was recovered from the shattered windshield at a later time. The damage to the vehicle was consistent with the evidence located at the crash scene.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature

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