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Des Plaines Police Respond to Fatal Crash

DES PLAINES, Illinois (July 27, 2024) – The Des Plaines Police Department is investigating a fatal crash that occurred in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 27.

On July 27 at 2:10 a.m., the Des Plaines Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash at 967. S. Elmhurst Rd. involving a motorcycle. Upon the officers' arrival, they observed the driver of the motorcycle lying in the roadway unresponsive. The Des Plaines Fire Department responded to the scene and attempted life saving measures. The motorcyclist, Nico K. Watkins (31-year-old-male) of Glen Ellyn, IL, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Initial police investigation revealed that motorcycle, a 2001 Suzuki GSXR, was traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Elmhurst Rd. when he struck a 2018 Ford Sedan exiting the plaza at 967 S. Elmhurst Rd. to go southbound on Elmhurst Rd. The driver of the Ford Sedan fled the scene on foot.

This incident is currently under investigation and more information will be released when made available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should call the Des Planes Police Department at 847-391-5400.

Due to the crash, the 900 block of south Elmhurst Rd. was closed between 2:10 a.m. and approximately 8:00 a.m.

For questions, contact Commander Matt Bowler 847.391.6129.

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Please remember that although a person may be charged with a crime, a charge is merely an accusation, and the person is innocent until proven guilty.

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