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Two charged in September car crash that resulted in the death of Hannah Crutchfield and seriously injured two others

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that two individuals have been charged for their roles in the Sept. 14 car crash that resulted in death of seven-year-old Hannah Crutchfield and seriously injured two others as they escorted Hannah across the street while she was leaving school. Torrell King has been charged with Reckless Homicide (Level 5 Felony), Criminal Recklessness (Level 5 Felony) and two counts of Criminal Recklessness as Level 6 felonies.

A 17-year-old female juvenile has also been charged for her alleged role in the crime. She faces charges of Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Death (Level 4 Felony), Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Serious Bodily Injury (Level 5 Felony), Reckless Homicide (Level 5 Felony), five counts of Criminal Recklessness (Level 6 Felony), Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated causing Endangerment (Class A Misdemeanor) and Operating a Vehicle Having Never Received a License (Class C Misdemeanor).

Pursuant to Indiana statute, the charges fall under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. A request for waiver of juvenile jurisdiction to adult court has been filed with the Court.

On Sept. 14, officers responded to a multivehicle crash with injuries in the 5500 block of E. Washington Street. According to the probable cause affidavit filed in this case, the crash is believed to be a result of road rage between King and the juvenile. The crash occurred when the juvenile driver swerved and struck a third vehicle that struck Hannah, her mother, and a crossing guard.

“The senseless death of Hannah Crutchfield serves as a severe reminder that reckless driving has tragic and fatal consequences,” Prosecutor Mears said. “I offer my condolences to the loved ones of Miss Crutchfield and wish those well who are still recovering.”

Today’s charges are the result of complex investigations, led by IMPD’s Accident Investigations Unit.

An Initial Hearing for King has not been set at this time. The case has been assigned to Criminal Court D32.

Note: The victims and their families have asked for privacy during this difficult time.