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Driver of second vehicle charged in crash that killed two local teens, injured three others

Daniel Cannon accused of aggressive driving that led to fatal crash and leaving the scene

(Indianapolis, Ind.) A man has been criminally charged for his role in the April 18, 2017, crash on Interstate 70 that killed two local teenagers and severely injured three others. Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Daniel Cannon has been charged for aggressive driving that is believed to have led to the fatal crash and for failing to stop at the scene. Cannon is accused of chasing the victims in a second vehicle at a high rate of speed through traffic when the crash occurred.

Cannon has been charged with five counts of Criminal Recklessness (Level 5 and 6 Felonies) and one count each of Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death (Level 5 Felony) and Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 6 Felony).

The crash occurred on Interstate 70 near the Harding Street exit. Brandon Gross and Taylor Parsons were killed as a result of the crash. Both were students at Ben Davis High School. Three other passengers were severely injured in the crash.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, witnesses at the scene described a dark colored car that had been chasing closely behind the victims' vehicle, with both vehicles possibly traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour. Cannon is alleged to have returned to the scene and spoken with witnesses in order to determine if authorities were aware of his involvement. When subsequently interviewed by investigators, Cannon allegedly said that he saw the victims' vehicle lose control and roll numerous times, but he then continued driving and left the scene.

The alleged chase involving the two vehicles is believed to have been prompted by an interaction that occurred between Cannon's sister and the victims at a park.

The investigation into the crash and suspected involvement of a second vehicle was conducted by the Indiana State Police. Cannon has an active warrant for his arrest. An initial hearing has not yet been scheduled.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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NOTE: The charging documents and probable cause affidavit filed in these cases can be downloaded at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yzickhexpjrks8i/Daniel%20Cannon.pdf?dl=0>