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### **Brandon Hayworth sentenced for striking Southport police officer with vehicle**

Hayworth receives six-year sentence for incident outside of IU Methodist Hospital in August

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Brandon Hayworth has been convicted and sentenced for striking a Southport Police Officer with a vehicle outside of Methodist Hospital on August 9. The incident caused injuries to the officer which were not life threatening. Hayworth pleaded guilty to the lead charge of Battery by Means of a Deadly Weapon (Level 5 Felony) and received a six-year sentence, with three years executed in the Indiana Department of Correction and three years suspended. He will also serve one year of probation. A six-year sentence is the maximum sentence for a Level 5 felony.

On August 9, 2017, two IU Methodist officers and a Southport police officer were investigating a stolen cell phone complaint when they approached a vehicle occupied by Hayworth and passenger Christopher Thompson. As the officers approached the vehicle, Hayworth accelerated forward striking the Southport police officer before fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed.

Shortly after striking the officer, the vehicle was located by law enforcement near the area of 4600 North Arlington Avenue. After a brief pursuit, the suspects were taken into custody without further incident. Witness descriptions of the suspects and vehicle assisted in the apprehension of Hayworth and Thompson.

Christopher Thompson, the vehicle's passenger, pleaded guilty in October to Resisting Law Enforcement (Class A Misdemeanor) and was sentenced to 237 days of probation after serving 64 days in the Marion County Jail.