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Grand jury indictment filed following deadly crash in North Portland

Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 23-year-old Calum Breitenberg appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court on November 27, 2018 and was arraigned on a grand jury indictment.

The indictment, which was filed on November 26, 2018, charges Breitenberg with one count of manslaughter in the second degree, driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

According to a probable cause affidavit, officers with the Portland Police Bureau received information about a crash that had occurred in the 7400 block of North Willamette Boulevard on November 15, 2018. The investigation in this case revealed that the defendant was operating a motor vehicle at a high rate of speed when he crashed into a parked Honda Civic. The impact of the crash severely damaged the Honda and pushed it into the sidewalk. The vehicle driven by the defendant continued to spin out of control and struck 32-year-old Mr. Jason Barns.

Mr. Barns was transported to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries, according to court documents. Officers who responded to the scene determined that the defendant appeared to be intoxicated and was driving while impaired.

Responding officers noted that the defendant had slurred speech, appeared confused and had an odor of alcohol coming from his breath, according to court documents.

On November 27, 2018, the defendant appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Shelley D. Russell. A plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf to all of the allegations listed in the indictment.

His next court date is scheduled for January 7, 2019.

A copy of the indictment and probable cause affidavit can be obtained using case number 18CR76444 in the Oregon eCourt Information (OEI) system.

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