



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 15-275

The Portage Department of Public Safety is investigating the death of 54-year-old Portage resident Kenneth Miller. Miller passed away on January 6, 2015 from injuries received on January 2, 2015.

On January 2, 2015, at approximately 12:05 a.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety received a report of loud music at the Golden Tree apartment complex in the 4800 block of East Milham Avenue. A confrontation began between Miller and the suspect, Devonte Parker, who was sitting in his vehicle with the loud music. While officers were en route, they were advised that the vehicle had left, and the caller believed that Miller was on the hood of the vehicle. The vehicle left the area at a high rate of speed, and Miller was thrown from the vehicle approximately 1/4 mile from the apartment complex.

After Miller was thrown from the hood, Parker attempted to leave the area but was spotted by a Portage officer. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, Parker fled from the officer. Parker eventually abandoned his vehicle at the intersection of Meredith and Kilgore and fled on foot. The Portage officer was able to locate Parker and arrest him.

Devonte Demeer Parker is a 20-year-old male from Riverdale, Illinois. Parker was originally arraigned on January 3, 2015 on charges of Fleeing & Eluding and Resisting & Obstructing. Parker was arraigned on January 8, 2015, on the additional charges of Reckless Driving Causing Death and Failing to Stop at an Accident Scene-When at Fault-Causing Death.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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