



## NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 16-457

On January 9, 2016, at approximately 9:15 p.m., an officer from the Portage Department of Public Safety observed a vehicle that had reportedly recently fled from a Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Officer. When the PDPS officer pulled in behind the vehicle, the suspect, a 17-year-old Kalamazoo resident, drove through a parking lot and fled westbound on Kilgore Road from S. Westnedge Avenue at a high rate of speed. The officer immediately activated his siren and overhead emergency lights in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The suspect continued driving west on Kilgore and then south on Oakland Drive. The suspect vehicle continued driving southbound on Oakland Drive until he struck a vehicle that was exiting a driveway in the 7900 block of Oakland Drive.

The vehicle that was struck was driven by a 33-year-old Paw Paw resident, who was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the fleeing vehicle, as well as a 16-year-old passenger from Kalamazoo, were not injured. The 16-year-old was transported to Bronson Hospital for precautionary measures but was soon released. The driver was taken into custody and charges are pending.

No further information will be released at this time. Any updated information will be released no sooner than Monday, January 11, 2016.

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](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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