



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 17-21570

On August 1, at approximately 3:38 a.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety Communications Center received a report that a subject, who was possibly intoxicated, was driving away from the Speedway gas station located at 507 W. Milham Avenue. The caller reported that a white SUV, being driven by the subject, drove north out of the parking lot and crossed over W. Milham Avenue, driving into a residential neighborhood.

Portage police officers arrived on scene and found a white Ford Explorer that had rolled onto its side in the 5900 block of Missouri Avenue. The vehicle had been traveling north on Missouri Avenue when it went off the east side of the road, onto a guide wire for a utility pole, which caused the vehicle to roll onto its side. The driver, a 31-year-old Portage man, was the only occupant of the vehicle and was not injured during the accident. The driver was subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving on a suspended license. The driver was lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail, and charges will be submitted to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's office for review.

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

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