

## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Frederick J. Akshar II

**Undersheriff Sammy L. Davis** 

155 Lt. Van Winkle Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: January 2, 2023

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 approximately 5:45 pm, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Route 7 near Hancock Rd. in the Town of Colesville for a hit and run motor vehicle accident involving a bicyclist.

Community members found the bicyclist near the accident scene and provided immediate first aid until the arrival of EMS and law enforcement. The victim, Brennan Loveless, a 13-year-old male of Sanitaria Springs, was transported by EMS to Wilson Hospital and subsequently to Syracuse Children's Hospital for treatment. The victim sustained significant life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the Syracuse Children's Hospital.

The subsequent investigation thus far has determined that a pick-up truck traveling east on Route 7 struck the victim and continued driving away from the scene. Members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team and Detective Division responded to the scene. Photos of the suspect truck were released and generated valuable tips by community members.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, around 5:30 am, a vehicle operator called the sheriff's office to report a motor vehicle accident on Bevier St. in the Town of Kirkwood. The operator alleged to have swerved into a ditch to avoid striking a deer. The subsequent investigation revealed this vehicle was in fact the one involved in the fatal accident on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The investigation has revealed that Bradley A. Law, 34 yrs. old of Harpursville, was the operator of the vehicle that struck the victim, causing fatal injuries.

Bradley will be charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide (Class E Felony) and Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident (Class D felony).



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Tips from the community were key in the investigation and Sheriff Akshar would like to extend his gratitude for their assistance.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "I'd like to applaud and commend the expertise and tireless work of the men and women of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, for their quick response and steady action in responding to this terrible accident, for bringing this individual into custody and for helping bring some closure to the family of the victim. I'd also like to thank the people of our community for stepping up and providing key information to the Broome County Sheriff's Office Detective Division to aid in their investigation and help ensure justice will be served."

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