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Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Drunk Driving Crash Which Killed Teen

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, January 02, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that John Bird, 51, of Karan Drive in Akron, pled guilty in connection to a December 2016 drunk driving crash which killed a 17-year-old and injured two others.

Bird pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Two counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault – felonies of the 3rd degree
- Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence – a misdemeanor of the 1st degree

On the evening of December 23, 2016, Bird was travelling at over 90 miles per hour on North Portage Path when he struck a vehicle which was travelling in the opposite direction and attempting to turn onto Sunnyside Avenue. At the time, Bird's blood alcohol level was .292, nearly four times the legal limit. 17-year-old Grant Wilson, a passenger in the other vehicle, died in the crash. The driver of the other vehicle and his 15-year-old daughter suffered significant injuries.

Bird is scheduled to be sentenced on February 26, 2018 at 9am.