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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES UP TO 10.5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE OF ISABELLE GRUBAUGH

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that George Taylor, 23, of Hartville, was sentenced to 7 to 10.5 years in prison for the 2025 vehicular homicide of 18-year-old Isabelle Grubaugh.

In April, Taylor pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a 2nd Degree Felony;
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol – a 1st Degree Misdemeanor; and
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol with a Breath Alcohol Concentration of 0.17 or Higher – a 1st Degree Misdemeanor.

“Driving under the influence is a reckless decision that puts innocent lives, like Isabelle Grubaugh’s, at risk. While today’s sentence cannot bring Isabelle back, we hope it provides some measure of closure for those who loved her,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In May 2025, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Canton Dispatch Center was called by the Springfield Township Dispatch to assist with a fatal single-vehicle crash that occurred on Massillon Road in Springfield Township. A gray Volkswagen sedan struck a telephone pole, which had split as a result of the impact. The passenger, 18-year-old Isabelle Grubaugh, suffered fatal head injuries and died at the scene. When officers spoke with the driver, George Taylor, they could smell the odor of alcohol on his breath and observed his eyes as red and glassy. Officers also observed Taylor stumbling and lacking balance. Taylor failed field sobriety tests and a breathalyzer test revealed he had a 0.204 BAC—more than double the legal limit of 0.08%. An interior search of the vehicle recovered an empty jar of moonshine and two additional open and partially-full containers of alcohol.

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