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Nature: Motor vehicle accident / Homicide Investigation

Releasing Agency: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa State Patrol have filed criminal charges following an investigation into a July 30, 2016 motor vehicle crash that resulted in the death of 25 year-old Shaleah Donavon of Sheldon, Iowa. Garret Richard Crawl, age 27 of Sheldon, Iowa has been charged with one count of Homicide By Vehicle – OWI and one count of Homicide By Vehicle – Reckless Driving. The accident occurred on the early evening of July 30, 2016 at a private recreation area approximately two miles north of Sheldon, Iowa. Crawl was allegedly operating an ATV at the park and Donavon was the passenger. Crawl lost control of the ATV and collided with a tree resulting in injury to Crawl and the death of Shaleah Donavon. The complaints filed against Crawl allege that the accident occurred when he was operating the ATV in a reckless manner while under the influence of a controlled substance that ultimately caused the unintentional death of Shaleah Donavon.

Crawl turned himself in on the charges on the afternoon of December 28, 2017 and was booked into the O'Brien County Jail. He was released later that day on a recognizance bond. Crawl will be required to make appearances later in O'Brien County District Court on the charges.

The Homicide By Vehicle – OWI charge is a Class B felony and is punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The Homicide By Vehicle – Reckless Driving is a Class C felony and punishable by up to ten years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. The Iowa State Patrol and the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office investigated this case.

The criminal charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.