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ELGIN MAN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS HOMICIDE, OTHER OFFENSES AFTER HE STRIKES TWO BICYCLISTS, KILLING BARTLETT WOMAN JUDGE SETS BAIL AT \$1 MILLION

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An Elgin man faces criminal charges after the car he was driving crashed into two bicycles, killing one bicyclist and severely injuring the other Monday afternoon.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon and Elgin Chief of Police Ana Lalley announce that 28-year-old **Lance C. Neal** has been charged with the offenses of:

- Failure to report an accident or death, Class 1 felony
- Reckless homicide, Class 3 felony
- Aggravated fleeing a police officer, Class 4 felony, 2 counts
- Driving without insurance, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors and Elgin police allege that the afternoon of July 27, 2020, Neal was driving a car in the area of East Chicago Street and North Spring Street when he struck a vehicle and fled the scene. The driver of the vehicle followed Neal and flagged down an officer, who pursued Neal south on Raymond Street and attempted to stop him. Neal continued to accelerate well beyond the 30 mph limit until he lost control of the vehicle and struck two bicyclists in the area of Raymond Street and Purify Drive. Neal abandoned the car and fled on foot. He was taken into custody about two hours later.

One of the victims, 52-year-old Sandra E. Sampey, of Bartlett was taken to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The other victim received life-threatening injuries and remains hospitalized.

The Elgin Police Department's Traffic Unit and the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force are investigating multiple elements of the incident. Anyone with information should call Elgin police at (847) 289-2600.

Neal appeared today in Kane County bond court. Kane County Circuit Judge Michael Noland set Neal's bail at \$1 million, with 10 percent (\$100,000) to apply for bond.

Judge Noland set Neal's next court appearance for 1 p.m. Aug. 7, 2020, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Neal are not proof of guilt. Neal is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Lance C. Neal: Age 28 (d.o.b. 7-26-1992), of the 1-99 block of Clifford Court, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF1366.