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## **SOUTH ELGIN MAN FACES MULTIPLE DUI CHARGES IN JUNE CRASH THAT LEFT TWO SEVERELY INJURED IN WAYNE**

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 21-year-old **John A. Schwartz** with the offenses of:

- Aggravated DUI, Class 4 felony, 6 counts
- Aggravated reckless driving, Class 4 felony, 2 counts

Kane County prosecutors allege that at about 10 a.m. June 20, 2020, Schwartz was driving a 2002 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up south on Dunham Road in the vicinity of Dunham Court in Wayne, Ill. He was traveling well in excess of the posted 45 mph speed limit when his pick-up struck the back of the vehicle in front of him, setting into motion a four-vehicle chain-reaction crash that left two other drivers seriously injured. One victim suffered multiple broken ribs and injuries to multiple vital organs. The other victim suffered multiple broken bones in his leg that resulted in the leg being amputated. As paramedics worked to extract him from the vehicle, they suffered puncture wounds from the victim's bones that were protruding from his leg.

Schwartz appeared Sept. 15 in Kane County bond court. Kane County Judge Michael Noland set Schwartz's bail at \$200,000, with 10 percent (\$20,000) to apply for bond. If he posts bond, he is prohibited from consuming alcohol and controlled substances. In addition, he must submit to random drug and alcohol testing.

The Wayne Police Department and the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team investigated the crash.

Schwartz's next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. Sept. 22, 2020, in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Schwartz are not proof of guilt. Schwartz 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.

**John A. Schwartz:** Age 21 (d.o.b. 4-10-1999), of the 600 block of Waterside Drive, South Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF1760.