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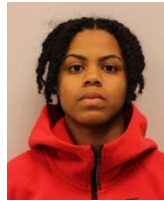
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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Mount Prospect Police Department Charge Driver Involved in Hit and Run Traffic Crash Involving a Pedestrian**



**Jasmine K. Nelson**

On Thursday, August 5, 2021, the Mount Prospect Police Department, with the approval of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, charged Jasmine K. Nelson, 22 years old, of 7638 Keeler Avenue, Skokie, Illinois with one (1) felony count of Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, one (1) misdemeanor count of Aggravated use of an Electronic Communication Device Being Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident that Results in Great Bodily Harm, one (1) misdemeanor count of Speeding 35+ M.P.H. Over the Limit and one (1) petty offense of Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. All of these charges are a result of an investigation into a hit and run traffic crash involving a pedestrian on June 2, 2021, on Elmhurst Road (Route 83) south of Huntington Commons Road.

On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at approximately 1:56pm, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to a 911 call of a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Elmhurst Road (Route 83) south of Huntington Commons Road. Witnesses reported the vehicle that struck the pedestrian, a black colored Chevrolet, did not stop and continued southbound on Elmhurst Road with damage to its front end and windshield. The pedestrian, who was in a wheelchair, was crossing Elmhurst Road near 1300 S. Elmhurst Road, when he was struck by the Chevrolet in the southbound lanes of traffic. The pedestrian was taken



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to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge with serious injuries. The Chevrolet and the driver, identified as Jasmine K. Nelson, were located in an apartment complex near Elmhurst Road and Oakton Street shortly after the crash.

The conclusion of the investigation into this serious traffic crash found Nelson was driving southbound on Elmhurst Road (Route 83) south of Huntington Commons Road and was actively using an application on her cellular phone seconds before striking the pedestrian, who was crossing Elmhurst Road in a wheelchair. After striking the pedestrian, Nelson accelerated to a high rate of speed away from the location of the crash and did not return to the scene of the crash, which is required by Illinois law. Mount Prospect Police requested Nelson to surrender herself, which she did on the afternoon of Thursday, August 5, 2021, where she was formally charged with one (1) felony count of Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, one (1) misdemeanor count of Aggravated use of an Electronic Communication Device Being Involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident that Results in Great Bodily Harm, one (1) misdemeanor count of Speeding 35+ M.P.H. Over the Limit and one (1) petty offense of Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident. Nelson was transported to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows on Friday, August 6, 2021 for a bond hearing. Nelson's bond was set at \$50,000.00 "D". Her next court date is set for August 20, 2021 at 9:00am in room 108 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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