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Taylor Man Charged in Fatal Hit and Run Crash

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Justin Robert Saum, 35 (DOD: 8/19/80), of Taylor, in connection with a fatal car crash that killed Austin McCumber, 17, of Taylor. On February 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., it is alleged that Saum was driving his pickup truck at the location of Joan and Harold Streets in Taylor, when he struck Mr. McCumber, who was on his minibike with a 17-year-old male passenger. After the collision, Saum drove away from the scene. Police and medics were called to the scene. Mr. McCumber was seriously injured in the accident and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. On March 1, 2016, Mr. McCumber died from the injuries he sustained in the accident. The passenger on the minibike was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Investigation by the Taylor Police Department led to the identification of Saum as the driver who left the crash scene. Saum has been charged with Driving with License Suspended Causing Death, Leaving the Scene of an Accident Causing Death, Driving with License Suspended Causing Serious Injury, Leaving the Scene of a Serious Injury Accident.

Saum was arraigned in 23rd District Court in Taylor this morning. His probable cause conference is scheduled for March 14, 2016 at 12:55 p.m.; his preliminary examination is scheduled for March 21, 2016 at 12:55 p.m. Both hearings are before Judge Geno Salomone. Saum received a \$350,000.00 cash/surety bond.

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