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News Release

Arkansas City police identify juvenile suspect in Oct. hit-and-run

Citation issued; case likely to be prosecuted in Arkansas City Municipal Court

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 30, 2019) — The Arkansas City Police Department has identified a suspect and issued a citation for a hit-and-run collision that occurred in late October in Ark City.

A 16-year-old Arkansas City juvenile has been cited through Arkansas City Municipal Court in connection with the case, which has been handed over to City Attorney Larry Schwartz for further action.

Police took a report Oct. 22 of a hit-and-run that had occurred in the 600 block of North 11th Street.

A homeowner reported that a driver had lost control of a vehicle and struck landscaping, which caused a tree to be pushed completely down.

The victim had surveillance video of the suspect's vehicle, which appeared to be a Ford Taurus.

The surveillance video subsequently was posted to the department's <u>Facebook page</u>, with a request for public assistance in identifying the car and/or driver. However, no tips were generated as a result.

But this month, a witness helped by providing an officer with the tag number of the vehicle involved.

The officer then conducted a follow-up investigation, and was able to identify both the vehicle's owner and the person who was driving at the time of the collision.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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