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Two men charged in street racing wreck that took two lives

Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson August 13, 2021

Yesterday the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office brought criminal charges against James E. Malone and James B. Hinton in connection to the double fatal crash that occurred on Saturday, August 7th at N. 60th St. and W. Hampton Ave. Malone and Hinton were racing at a high rate of speed – more than 100 miles per hour – when the vehicle Malone was driving plowed into a vehicle that was making a turn. The collision caused the deaths of two 22-year-old men who were in the vehicle that was struck.

Malone was charged with two counts of First Degree Reckless Homicide and one count of Operating with Restricted Controlled Substance in Blood – Second Offense. If convicted, he could face up to more than 120 years and could be fined up to \$1,100.

Hinton was charged with one count of First Degree Reckless Injury and Knowingly Operate Motor Vehicle While Revoked – Cause Great Bodily Harm to Another. If convicted, he could face up to 28 years, 6 months in prison and could be fined up to \$110,000.

I commend prosecutors for bringing charges that acknowledge that homicides occurred here. When people drive recklessly and endanger the overall public safety in Milwaukee, they are putting the lives of untold numbers of innocent people in jeopardy. It must be clearly stated that these actions and the destruction and death that follow, are not accidents and the people responsible for this sort of reckless behavior should be held accountable. If someone were to fire rounds from a gun into a crowded city intersection -- killing another person -- that would not be considered an "accident" and neither should this reckless behavior behind the wheel of a car.

I continue to call for prayers and comfort for the loved ones of the two men who were killed, and I ask the community to offer support to them so they may grieve in peace.

The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) is asking that residents and community partners discuss the dangers of reckless driving with their peers, acquaintances and youth to discourage them from engaging in this type of activity in our city. To be part of the solution and report reckless driving, visit www.mpdtsu.org.

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