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### **Prison Sentence for Fatal DUI crash**

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Bradley A. Anderson (DOB: 10/26/88, 27 Cotswold Dr.) of Yorkville, was sentenced to 6 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections following a contested sentencing hearing last week. The sentencing hearing, which had been continued due to CV-19, follows Anderson's guilty plea to Aggravated Driving under the Influence of Alcohol back in February of this year.

Anderson was arrested and charged after a fatal DUI crash back in December of 2017. According to reports, Anderson was seen by many people driving erratically on westbound I-88 to the Rt. 56/Rt. 47 interchange shortly after dark. Once on southbound Rt. 47, Anderson, who was driving a black Cadillac, was weaving across both south and northbound lanes of traffic and driving at excessive speeds. Concerned drivers attempted to contact police as a result of Anderson's erratic driving. As Anderson approached a slight turn in the road approaching Galena Rd, he crossed into the northbound lane, directly into the path of a car being driven by a 32-year-old single mother, causing a near head-on collision. Several of the concerned drivers stopped to render assistance to both drivers. The driver of the other car, Tina Turner, was pronounced dead at the scene. After being extricated from his own car, Anderson was airlifted to a nearby hospital where blood tests showed his blood-alcohol concentration to be .172, more than twice the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Kendall County Circuit Judge Robert Pilmer imposed the sentence last week during the contested sentencing hearing. During the sentencing hearing, First Assistance State's Attorney Mark Shlifka presented one of the concerned drivers who spoke emotionally about attempting to stop Anderson and witnessing the fatal crash. Additionally, evidence of Anderson's prior DUI from 2010 was presented to the Court along with two victim impact statements from family members.

Judge Pilmer, in imposing his sentence, stated that he considered several factors in arriving at his decision, including the impact on the victim, the cost of incarceration, Anderson's prior 2010 DUI, the threat of harm to other drivers, and the need to deter others from committing the same crime.

Weis commended the hard work and dedication of the Yorkville Police Department and the Illinois State Police for their thorough investigation and pursuit of justice for the victim of this crime. Weis also commended First Assistant Shlifka for his efforts in also prosecuting the case. The defendant will be required to serve no less than 85% of the 6-year sentence imposed. Attorney Jim Ryan represented Anderson.

State's Attorney Weis, recognizing the continuing carnage that drunk drivers cause on our roadways, echoed the words of the appellate court that "driving under the influence is one of the more deterrable crimes" while arguing for an appropriate sentence for Anderson. "Unfortunately, no matter what sentence the court gives, it will never bring back the victim of this tragedy," Weis commented.