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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Second Degree Murder Charge Issued in Long Lake and John R Fatal Crash

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized a warrant charging Dean Lee Rector, a 44 year old male from Washington Township with Second Degree Murder, (felony up to life in prison), Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, (felony up to 15 years in prison), Manslaughter, (felony up to 15 years in prison), and Possession of Marijuana, (1 year misdemeanor). Mr. Rector was arraigned this morning by the Honorable Judge William Bolle of the 52-4 District Court. Judge Bolle ordered the suspect held without bond on the charges. An Exam is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Dennis Drury, however that will adjourned until Mr. Rector is released from the hospital. Mr. Rector requested a court appointed attorney.

These charges stem from the crash that occurred on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at John R and Long Lake Roads. The victim, Ms. Elvira White of Troy, died of injuries sustained in that crash over the weekend. Ms. White was 57 years old.

Through his own statements, as well as toxicology reports, the suspect used cocaine before the crash. There is evidence suggesting the abuse of prescription drug medications, as well. A significant number of pills were recovered from the scene. Additional laboratory analysis is being undertaken to determine first, what the myriad of pills are, and secondly what influence they may have played in the crash in addition to the cocaine.

Witnesses have advised investigators that there was a large commercial vehicle at the Long Lake and John R intersection when this crash occurred. Investigators are attempting to locate and interview the driver of that vehicle, as it is believed that person may have observed the crash. Those observations may assist investigators in their overall reconstruction of the incident. We are asking that individual, as well as anyone else who may have observed the suspect's driving before the crash, or the crash itself and has not yet been interviewed by an investigator, to contact the Troy Police Department Fatal Crash Unit at 248-524-3477.

Mr. Rector represents the third suspect currently charged with Second Degree Murder in conjunction with fatal car crashes involving intoxicated drivers over the past four months in Troy.

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