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Arrest Made in School Bus Traffic Fatality

Tallahassee- A Jefferson County man has been arrested in conjunction with the September 5, 2008 traffic fatality crash that took the life of eight year old Ronshay Dugan. The crash occurred at the intersection of Capital Circle Southeast and Orange Avenue. The crash involved a cement truck that struck a Boys and Girls Club school bus, which in turn caused a chain reaction crash of two additional vehicles.

Traffic Homicide Investigators from the Leon County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Compliance investigated the crash. Based upon witness statements and physical evidence obtained during the investigation, Investigators charged Marchaun Tremayne Andrews, the driver of the cement truck, with one count of Vehicular Homicide, one count of Reckless Operation of a Vehicle Causing Serious Bodily Injury, and eleven counts of Reckless Operation of a Vehicle Causing Damage to Person or Property.

According to reports, Andrews was traveling south on Capital Circle Southeast in a reckless manner as he approached the intersection of Orange Avenue. The Boys and Girls Club school bus was stopped in the eastbound turn lane in the southbound lanes of traffic. Statements from the report reflect that Andrews was approaching a red light at the intersection where he failed to stop and took evasive actions by braking and swerving to the left. As he swerved, the cement truck began to roll in a clockwise direction crushing the rear of the Boys and Girls Club school bus as it was stopped in the turn lane. The impact of the cement truck to the school bus caused the death of Dugan and injuries to six children and two adult passengers. The force of the crash pushed the school bus thirty feet into the intersection causing it to strike two additional vehicles injuring, one of the drivers.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "our hearts and prayers are with the family of the deceased. Our hopes are that the family and community will have some resolution with the outcome of the investigation".

The month long investigation was a culmination of efforts by many governmental agencies including LCSO, FDOT, Leon County Public Works, TPD, and the Leon County Schools.



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