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**TREVON MORRIS GETS 12 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR APRIL 2021 DUI CRASH IN ELGIN
THAT KILLED TWO JUDSON STUDENTS
DRAG RACING ON ROUTE 31; CO-DEFENDANTS' CASES PENDING**

*RE: **Trevon D. Morris**: Age 23 (d.o.b. 12-8-1999), of the 400 block of Stella Avenue, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF860.*

December 15, 2022

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser announces that Judge John A. Barsanti has sentenced **Trevon D. Morris** to 12 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections for his role in an April 2021 vehicle crash that killed Judson University students Dallas Colburn and Nathanael Madison.

On October 20, 2022, Morris pleaded guilty to the offense of Aggravated DUI causing death, a Class 2 felony.

Assistant State's Attorney Katy Flannagan stated the following facts in court:

During the evening of April 20, 2021, Morris was driving a 2013 Hyundai, co-defendant Kahleel L. Steele, 23, was driving a 2011 Jeep and co-defendant Manny Pittenturf, 24, was driving a 2012 Kia. The vehicles were traveling at an excessive speed north on Illinois Route 31, north of Big Timber Road in Elgin. Morris' Hyundai collided with a 2004 Pontiac that was turning left from southbound Route 31 onto Judson Drive. Colburn, 22, of Plano, Illinois, and Madison, 22, of Wernersville, Pennsylvania, were ejected from the Pontiac and died. Two others in the Pontiac survived.

Morris and Steele were street racing at the time of the crash with Pittenturf close behind. Morris was traveling in excess of 35 mph over the posted 45 mph speed limit at impact. He had more than 5 ng/ml of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol in his blood and did not have a valid driver's license. Steele was traveling in excess of 35 mph over the posted 45 mph speed limit and was unlawfully in possession of marijuana. Pittenturf was traveling in excess of 35 mph and did not have a valid driver's license.

According to Illinois law, Morris must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 470 days served – 468 days on electronic home monitoring and two days served in the Kane County jail.

The cases against Steele and Pittenturf are pending. Pittenturf's whereabouts are unknown. He last was seen August 12, 2021, during a remote court hearing and is wanted on an arrest warrant. Anyone with information about Pittenturf should call Elgin Police Investigations at (847) 289-2600.

The charges against Steele and Pittenturf are not proof of guilt. Steele and Pittenturf are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

ASA Flannagan said: "The defendant's actions in this tragic crash were completely preventable. He made a series of poor choices to speed, race his friends and drive under the influence of cannabis that has destroyed four families and taken the lives of two bright young men. This sentence sends a strong message that speeding and driving while under the influence of cannabis is dangerous, illegal and can end lives. My thanks to ASA David Belshan for his assistance in this prosecution, to victim advocate Linda Hagemann, and to the Elgin Police Department, specifically Officers Jonathan Cox, Joshua Miller and Chad Benavidez, for their stellar work in this case to ensure this conviction and sentence. Finally, I sincerely would like to thank the victims and their families. Throughout this process, and in their grief, they were patient, courageous and willing to drop everything at a moment's notice to ensure this defendant was held accountable. My heart goes out to all of them for their tragic loss, and our office will continue to tirelessly work to ensure that no other family has to suffer this lifetime of pain."