



JOINT NEWS RELEASE

KANE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JAMIE MOSSER and SHERIFF RON HAIN

18-YEAR-OLD INDICTED ON DUI OFFENSES IN OCTOBER CRASH THAT KILLED TWO IN CAMPTON TOWNSHIP

January 4, 2023

*RE: **Tyler A. Schmidt**: Age 18 (d.o.b. 1-8-2004), of the 43W block of Southgate Road, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2022CF2376.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser and Sheriff Ron Hain announce that a grand jury has indicted **Tyler A. Schmidt** for the offenses of:

- Aggravated driving under the influence of drugs, Class 2 felony
- Reckless homicide, Class 3 felony
- Aggravated DUI, Class 4 felony
- Aggravated reckless driving, Class 4 felony

State's Attorney Mosser and Sheriff Hain allege the following:

On October 31, 2022, Schmidt was driving in excess of the posted speed limit in unincorporated Campton Township when his vehicle struck the rear of a Burlington Central School District 301 bus. Grace Diewald, 20, of Campton Hills, and her brother, Emil Diewald, 19, passengers in his vehicle, were killed in the crash. A third passenger in the vehicle suffered severe injuries. Schmidt was under the influence of marijuana. No one on the school bus reported injuries.

Judge Julia Yetter set Schmidt's bail at \$100,000 with 10 percent (\$10,000) to apply for bond. His next court appearance is scheduled for 9 a.m. on January 6, 2023, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

Schmidt was released from custody on electronic home monitoring. While on EHM he is not to drive without a valid license, he may leave home only to go to work, attend medical, counseling or attorney appointments, and he must submit to random drug and alcohol testing.

The Kane County Sheriff's Office and the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team conducted the investigation.

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