



Chenequa Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

Incident: Fatal Vehicle Crash – February 18, 2023

On Saturday, February 18th, 2023, at 2:34pm the Village of Chenequa Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash on E/B STH 16 just west of STH 83. The investigation has proven that one of the vehicles involved entered the E/B lanes of STH 16 from STH 83 going W/B, the wrong way, in the E/B lanes of traffic. This vehicle then collided with another vehicle, head-on, in the E/B lanes of traffic.

The driver of the wrong way vehicle is now being identified as 47-year-old Melissa Bright of Sullivan, WI. Criminal charges that include one count of Homicide by Intoxicated use of a Vehicle and seven counts of First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety have been forwarded to the Waukesha County District Attorney's office for their review and charging decision.

This matter remains an active investigation by the Village of Chenequa Police Department.

The Village of Chenequa Police Department would like to recognize the additional law enforcement agencies that assisted in this investigation, the Wauwatosa Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

Captain Matthew Carney
Village of Chenequa Police Department