



ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Charges Filed in Fatal Hit and Run Accident from January 3, 2019

On September 5, 2019, Ronald Andrew Jacobson was charged with felony failing to stop for an accident ([Minn. Stat. § 169.09.1](#)).

On January 3, 2019 at 5:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to Larpenteur Avenue and Woodbridge Court on two pedestrians, a male and female, who had been struck by a vehicle. Officers responded and immediately provided emergency medical assistance; however, both pedestrians were pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 46-year-old driver told officers he did not see the pedestrians when his vehicle struck them as they were crossing the road. Based on the preliminary reconstruction of the accident and witness statements, officers determined a second vehicle was involved and likely struck the female pedestrian after she was hit by the first vehicle.

A citizen saw the Roseville Police Department's request for tips and called detectives to tell them that Ronald Andrew Jacobson admitted to being involved in the fatal crash and was worried the police were looking for him. Jacobson said he was on his way home from a St. Paul bar at the time of the crash and was "in the bag."

On January 5, 2019, detectives conducted surveillance at the St. Paul bar and observed Jacobson's 1995 Chrysler LeBaron in the parking lot. Detectives stopped Jacobson when he left the bar in the LeBaron. He was arrested and later charged for driving while under the influence. Detectives discovered damage to Jacobson's vehicle that was consistent with the crash involving the two pedestrians. Subsequent testing by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed Jacobson's LeBaron ran over and dragged the female pedestrian.

During a post-Miranda interview, Ronald Jacobson admitted to being involved in the fatal crash. He told detectives he had consumed four-to-five beers at a nearby bar and then drove home. He said he knew he had ran over something in the area of the crash.

Detectives executed a search warrant at the St. Paul bar and located video from January 3, 2019. Surveillance video showed Jacobson was at the bar for approximately three hours and had consumed 10 beers. He left the bar just prior to the fatal crash.

The investigation and reconstruction concluded the first driver was within the posted speed limit and alcohol was determined not to be a factor.

For more details on the charges, see the [criminal complaint](#).

[Ronald Jacobson Booking Photo](#)

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