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MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

On Saturday June 24th, 2023, at approximately 11:51 p.m., Stephenson County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to the area of Flansburg Rd. and Range Rd. in rural Lena Illinois for a report of a personal injury traffic crash involving a single motorcycle. Upon arrival, a crew from Leamon's Ambulance Service was already on-scene attending to a 19-year-old male who was eventually transported to FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport before being transferred to a larger area hospital.

The results of the preliminary investigation revealed that a 2015 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling north on Flansburg Rd. north of Range Rd., when it left the roadway and went into a ditch. After entering the ditch, the operator of the motorcycle, a 19-year-old Lena Illinois man, was ejected from the motorcycle and found in a nearby cornfield. There were no witnesses to the crash, and at this time it is believed to have occurred on June 24th between approximately 10:00 p.m. and 11:27 p.m.

The 19-year-old operator of the motorcycle remains hospitalized and is currently in critical condition. The cause of the traffic crash is still under investigation; however, driving while impaired is believed to be a contributing factor. Any criminal charges related to this incident would follow a review of the completed investigation by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office.

Any charges referenced are merely accusations and the public is reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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