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Man accused in fatal DWI crash to be arraigned today

Staff report

An Avon man accused of driving drunk and causing an accident that killed a friend is scheduled to be arraigned in Monroe County Court today.

A Monroe County grand jury last week indicted Aaron M. Boop, 19, on felony charges of first-degree vehicular manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter, first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, driving while intoxicated and aggravated driving while intoxicated in the Oct. 21 death of Nicholas A. Zajac in Wheatland.

Boop allegedly lost control of his car at Beulah and Vallance roads and hit a tree, ejecting Zajac, 16.

Zajac, who lived in Wheatland and was a junior at Caledonia-Mumford High School, was pronounced dead at Strong Memorial Hospital. Boop, a former student at Caledonia-Mumford who had since moved to Livingston County, was treated for a minor injury.

Boop lost his learner's permit after driving drunk at age 16 and is accused of driving while intoxicated again. After the accident, Boop allegedly admitted to sheriff's deputies that he had been drinking but couldn't say how much. "Too much," he allegedly said, according to court documents.

Boop is slated to appear in County Court at 1:45 p.m.
