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**Suspect arrested for Murder after leaving the scene of a crash that resulted in a death**

Seminole Co. – (April 30, 2017) – Seminole County Sheriff's investigators arrested Nelson Strohaker on an active warrant for murder in the third degree (felony murder) and leaving the scene of a traffic accident involving death to a person. The investigation began on April 15, 2017, at approximately 6:45 p.m. when deputies responded to a report of a vehicle crash on Chinaberry Avenue just north of Harrison Street in unincorporated Oviedo. Upon arrival, they located the victim, Christopher Johnson, 16, of Oviedo, pinned underneath an unoccupied blue Dodge minivan.

The investigation revealed that Johnson and Strohaker were acquaintances and agreed to meet that evening to conduct a drug transaction. Johnson walked to the meeting location, and Strohaker arrived in the area while driving a blue Dodge minivan. Immediately following the interaction between the two, Strohaker struck and ran over Johnson with the minivan. Strohaker then fled the scene on foot, and Johnson was transported to a local hospital but later died as a result of his injuries.

On April 27, 2017, upon careful examination of the evidence and consulting with the State Attorney's Office, an arrest warrant was issued for Strohaker's arrest. Investigators and deputies made numerous attempts to locate Strohaker over the past few days, but he avoided contact with law enforcement.

On April 29, 2017, at approximately 10:23 p.m., deputies patrolling the area of S.R. 436 and Ronald Regan Blvd. in Altamonte Springs observed a white Ford E-150 van matching the description of a vehicle Strohaker was believed to be in. A traffic stop was conducted. The passenger was taken into custody without incident and identified as Nelson Strohaker. He was arrested and charged with Felony Murder, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving a Death, Possession of Drug Equipment, and Possession of Marijuana. The driver was identified as Nelson's father, Robert Strohaker. He was arrested and charged with Accessory After the Fact, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving with a Suspended License, Possession of Drug Equipment, and Possession of Drugs without a Prescription. Both men were booked into the John E. Polk Correctional facility. Nelson Strohaker remains incarcerated on a no bond status. Robert Strohaker also remains incarcerated on a \$6,750 bond.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6650 or Crimeline at (800) 423-TIPS (8477). Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips that lead to the felony arrest of suspects and/or the recovery of stolen property and drugs are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000 dollars.

**Arrestees:**

Nelson Troy Strohaker, (DOB 02/24/95), 848 Snow Queen Drive, Chuluota  
Robert Strohaker, (DOB 07/05/75), 848 Snow Queen Drive, Chuluota

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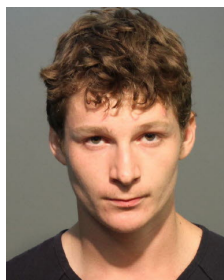
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Nelson Strohaker



Robert Strohaker