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Driver in fatal rollover charged

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

A Florida man who was allegedly driving in a July 4 rollover crash that killed a woman was charged with a felony Monday in Otter Tail County District Court.

David Shane Hamil, 42, of Cape Coral, Fla., was charged with felony criminal vehicular

homicide-operating the vehicle with negligence, under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

According to the criminal complaint, emergency crews responded to a vehicle crash



Hamil

near County Hwy. 31, just north of Pelican Rapids in the early morning hours of July 4. A 29-year-old woman, and passenger in the vehicle, was found located in the water; she died at the scene, the report says.

Hamil and the woman were reportedly at a bar prior to the crash. They were headed back to a cabin in Perham, where they were staying for the week, when

the woman started hitting Hamil in the face six or seven times, which caused him to lose sight of the road around a curve and go off the road into the water at Franklin Lake, Hamil reportedly told authorities.

A deputy detected an odor of alcohol from Hamil, whose speech was also slurred, the report says. Hamil allegedly said he didn't drink, then said he had

two drinks. He allegedly refused a preliminary breath test more than once.

Hamil, who sustained non-life threatening injuries in the crash, was arrested. Authorities obtained a search warrant to get his blood drawn, the report says.

A deputy found Hamil had a 2013 DUI conviction in Texas.

Hamil's next court appearance is scheduled for July 21.

Council holds off on Fir Avenue bike lanes for input

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

Despite nearly an hour of discussion Monday, there is no decision yet on whether bike lanes will be added to Fir Avenue. The Fergus Falls City Council wants to give residents an opportunity to voice their opinions.

The group putting together a Bicycle Master Plan for the city brought the idea forward of adding bike lanes to Fir, from Union to Friberg avenues, for a few reasons, but the timing is what pushed the project into the forefront.

Fir is under construction this summer, in a joint county project with Cleveland Avenue, so the pavement markings will need to be redone anyway.

The council discussed and asked questions about what the best options would be for bicyclists, pedestrians

and residents in the area. Would a bike lane be preferred to a separate bike path? Or what about a sidewalk for pedestrians? Could that be added later?

The bike lanes seemed to draw some council support, but after discussion, council member Scott Rachels said he wanted to wait until the next meeting before going ahead with any plan. To that end, Jay Cichosz made a motion to table the discussion until the next council meeting, "so that people can come and talk."

The motion passed, with Tim Rundquist voting no.

"I don't see any reason to delay proceeding," Rundquist said. "Fergus Falls needs to move forward as a bike friendly community."

Randy Synsteli voiced his opposition for the bike lanes, based on what he's heard from residents, and said he wants to explore the

idea of a multi-use path instead. Ben Schierer agreed but thinks the city can also do both.

"I think it's important that we recognize that there is an increase in bicycle traffic," Schierer said. "I think we're going to see more and more of these bike lanes in the future."

On June 18, the city sent 91 notices to property owners and residents living adjacent to Fir requesting comments about the potential for bike lanes in their area. The city received 14 responses via telephone and email.

Six were in favor of the proposed bike lanes, though four of them were not Fir residents; one wanted bike lanes with a separate pedestrian sidewalk; seven opposed the bike lanes and wanted no changes.

Comments varied from considering school bus stops, to bike lanes are un-

necessary and impractical, to establishing dedicated bike lanes is a good idea.

The plan calls for changes to on-street parking, which would be allowed only on the north side of Fir from Park Street to Friberg. No parking would be allowed on either side of Fir from Union to Park.

The cost of adding the bike lanes would be roughly \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the first year, with the bulk of that money going toward signs, according to City Engineer Dan Edwards. After that, the cost would just be maintaining the paint on the streets. Nothing has been determined in detail as far as the cost or where the money would come from yet.

"We're sort of exploring the concept here," Edwards said.

According to Partnership 4 Health, it's anticipating more bicycle traffic

along Fir in upcoming years because of many factors, including a general increase in biking throughout Fergus Falls, which has been on the rise the past few years, said Patrick Hollister, active living planner with Partnership 4 Health. A new bike trail will go along Cleveland, and Otter Tail County has a trail master plan for the area.

This spot on Fir is "currently a gap in the system," Hollister said, which could connect things like the YMCA and Regional Treatment Center.

"It's kind of a crucial connection between the paths that are already in place," said Jake Krohn, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Subcommittee member and Bicycle Master Plan volunteer. Fir also provides a more level and even path, as opposed to some other nearby streets, he added.

They wanted something they could complete this year, according to Hollister, which is why they came up with the bike lane idea versus a multi-use path or sidewalk.

"We know that neither of those options is in the cards this year," he said, adding that this plan is a wash for pedestrians but helps cyclists. "The ideal solution would involve physically separating the pedestrians from the street."

The council isn't losing anything by holding off on action until the next meeting. It won't change the cost and Fir will not undergo mill and overlay in the next couple of weeks, according to Edwards.

"There's time to look at this," he said.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. July 21 in council chambers at City Hall.

Fitzgerald: 'He was a character and loved to have fun'

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"John was a very loyal and dedicated worker, a very good employee," said Steve Brimhall, owner of Minnesota Motor Company. "He was a character and loved to have fun."

It was that dedication to his work and helping people find automobiles that helped Fitzgerald become so recognizable in the community. Brimhall spoke highly of his time in the department and what it brought to the com-

pany.

"He helped a lot of people get into cars, helping them get what they wanted and to fulfill their dreams," he said.

"He enjoyed the people he worked with and interacting with them," Robert added. "People seemed to remember him through those interactions."

Out of the office, Fitzgerald was an avid sports fan, loyally following the North Dakota State University Bison, and dedicated much of his free time to his golf

game, becoming a regular figure at Pebble Lake Golf Course. Through his love of the game and of competition, he brought even more goodwill to partners and friendly competitors.

"John was a fixture out on the course and I always enjoyed seeing him out here," said Ryan Tungseth, the course's golf pro.

Fitzgerald was the commissioner of the Infamous Bonehead League, a core group of a dozen golfers that played and competed

together Tuesdays during Pebble Lake's men's day, and built up a number of accomplishments on the course throughout the years. Fitzgerald won the course's Labor Day Classic three times with different partners and was runner-up on several other occasions. He also competed several times in the Edward Jones Match Play Competition and Singles Match Play Competition.

Though the competition he offered was formidable, friends and golf partners shared an array of memories with Fitzgerald over the years.

"He had an infectious laugh and marked his golf balls with green shamrocks to acknowledge his Irish heritage," reminisced Tony Rendz, a friend who competed against Fitzgerald for years, through an email Monday. "Many, including (me), considered him to be our favorite Irish uncle."

Even when he found himself competing head-to-head against Fitzgerald, Rendz recalled that he was still always fun-loving and friendly. Whether in the office or on the green, that theme stayed constant throughout Fitzgerald's life.

"John was a fixture at Pebble Lake Golf Course for many years and was highly regarded as an extremely tough competitor. He had

a gruff exterior but had a heart of gold and made sure everyone around him had a good time ... He was a really good guy who will be sadly missed by all who knew him." Rendz also wrote.

A service for Fitzgerald will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at Glende-Nilson Funeral home. Visitation

will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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John Fitzgerald, left, was a dedicated golfer. He enjoyed playing with his many friends at Pebble Lake Golf Course in Fergus Falls.

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