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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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INCIDENT TYPE: Fatal Car Crash / Pedestrian Struck
LOCATION: 2500 Block of East Beltline Avenue SE
DATE OF INCIDENT: 02/07/2023
TIME OF INCIDENT: 8:38 p.m.
AUTHORIZED BY: Captain Ryan VanderVeen

KENTWOOD, Michigan – At approximately 8:38 p.m. on 02/07/2023, the Kentwood Police Department responded to the 2500 block of East Beltline Avenue for a crash in which a pedestrian was struck. Officers determined that a sedan driven by a 41-year-old male from Grand Rapids was traveling south on East Beltline Avenue when it struck a pedestrian who was crossing the road from east to west. Shortly after the initial collision, the pedestrian was struck a second time by a vehicle that was described by witnesses as a newer model, dark-colored Ford F-150 pickup truck. The Ford F-150 left the scene of the crash without stopping and has not been located at this time.

The pedestrian, a 32-year-old male from Wyoming, was pronounced dead at the scene.

No additional injuries were reported, and no arrests have been made at this time. Alcohol and speed are not believed to be factors in the initial collision.

Anyone with information regarding this crash or the vehicle that left the scene is asked to contact the Kentwood Police Department Detective Bureau at 616-656-6604. Anonymous tips can be submitted through Silent Observer at 616-774-2345 or SilentObserver.org.

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