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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Six Charges Recommended for Hit-and-Run Motorcyclist**

(Grand Junction, CO) – The Grand Junction Police Department has recommended that 24-year-old Henry W. Bostelman of Grand Junction be charged with six offenses in connection with a hit-and-run accident in which a teenage boy received serious bodily injuries. The recommended charges include one felony offense of Vehicular Assault, as well as Reckless Driving, Hit and Run with Serious Injury, No Proof of Insurance, License Plate Revocation and Drove When Revoked.

The incident started shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Bostelman, riding a black Kawasaki CSR 1000 without a license plate, was observed traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Unawep Avenue. As Bostelman approached the intersection of Unawep and Highland Drive, he struck a 16-year-old male who was being towed on his skateboard behind a bicycle with two occupants, a 17 year old male and a 14 year old female. Neither of the bicycle occupants was injured, but the 16-year-old male received lacerations and a broken leg.

Around 7:30 p.m. citizens spotted Bostelman hiding in the backyard of an Orchard Mesa home and called 9-1-1. Bostelman attempted to flee by running down the embankment and jumping into the Colorado River east of the Eagle Rim Park pedestrian bridge. Just before reaching the bridge, Bostelman grabbed on to partially-submerged log a few yards from the north side of the river, where officers waited for him. After approximately 10 minutes Bostelman swam to the north bank of the river where he was transported to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment of his injuries sustained in the crash.

After being released from the hospital, Bostelman was transported to the Mesa County Jail on a parole hold until charges were filed by the GJPD. GJPD officers filed charges after blood tests on Bostelman were completed. Those tests returned negative results for drugs and alcohol.

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