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Filing of Criminal Charges against Kern County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Patrick McNeill
People v. Patrick McNeill: Kern County Superior Court Case BF205253A

On March 16, 2025, at approximately 12:00PM, Bakersfield Police Officers responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Stockdale Highway and Allen Road. During the investigation, Patrick McNeill was determined to be operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. McNeill's vehicle was impounded, and he was issued a citation for driving under the influence. During the investigation, McNeill was determined to be an off-duty lieutenant with the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

Nearly two hours later, at approximately 2:00PM, Bakersfield Police Officers responded to a hit-and-run traffic collision at the intersection of Coffee Road and Seventh Standard Road. During the investigation, McNeill was identified as the driver who fled the scene. McNeill was subsequently located at the Lerdo Jail and after a brief stand-off, McNeill was taken into custody.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office conducted additional investigation to determine the full extent of injuries to parties in both collisions. Such an investigation was necessary to determine appropriate criminal charges.

Today, criminal charges were filed against McNeill including felony charges related to driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury. Enhancements related to having a high blood alcohol content and causing injury to more than one victim were also alleged. The misdemeanor charge relates to resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer in lawful performance of his or her duties.