



# CITY OF McCALL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Robert Tunison Sentenced for last Summer's Hit-and-Run Incident in McCall, Idaho**

McCall, Idaho - April 18, 2024

On April 12, 2024, Robert Tunison pleaded guilty to Felony - Vehicular Manslaughter and Felony - Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident. Tunison was sentenced to five years, fixed; and twelve years indeterminate.

The incident on Saturday, August 19, 2023, took place at approximately 11:41 p.m., McCall Police Department officers responded to a report of an unconscious individual lying in the bike path near the intersection of Lenora Street and Wooley Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located an unconscious male who was badly injured. Officers immediately began administering CPR. Shortly after, McCall Fire Department Paramedics and EMTs arrived and took over medical care. The victim was transported to St. Lukes McCall where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

In the following days, Officers worked tirelessly to locate the suspect vehicle, obtain evidence, conduct interviews, and identify a suspect. Shortly after, Robert Harding Tunison was identified as the suspect, and an arrest warrant was issued. On August 24, 2023, after a multi-agency search, Tunison was taken into custody.

“Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of the victim. This was a senseless criminal act of disregard for human life that resulted in the loss of a community member. These crimes will never be tolerated in our community, and members of the McCall Police Department will always work diligently to ensure these criminals are held accountable for their actions. The successful conviction of Mr. Tunison highlights the outstanding investigatory work completed by the McCall Police Department, the extraordinary collaboration between law enforcement agencies, and the excellent prosecutorial abilities of the Valley County Prosecutor’s Office,” said McCall Police Chief Dallas Palmer.

We would like to thank our community and everyone who responded to our request for information. We also want to thank our local agency partners, Valley County Sheriff’s Office, Idaho State Police, Adams County Sheriff’s Office, Idaho Fish and Game, and Valley County Prosecutor's Office. We are pleased to see justice upheld.

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