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To: Press Release

From: Chief Deputy Duane Rozendaal

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Regarding: Fatality Motor Vehicle Accident

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office along with the Jasper County Attorney's Office, Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office, and the Iowa State Patrol have completed the investigation regarding the motor vehicle accident on Aug. 26, 2023, in rural Jasper County at 0241 hours. Chloe Hutchcraft, a 17-year-old female, was a passenger in the motor vehicle and died as a result of the injuries sustained in the accident.

The driver of the vehicle, Benjamin Kelne, from Grinnell has been charged with the following charges relating to the accident.

- Reckless Driving
- Possession/purchase of alcohol
- Careless Driving
- Failure to maintain control
- Involuntary manslaughter

As a reminder, a criminal charge is merely an accusation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

No other information is available regarding this event.

Chief Deputy Duane Rozendaal