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Livingston County Prosecutor William Vaillencourt announced today that his office has filed charges against Matthew Jordan Carrier of Fenton.

An investigation by the Michigan State Police has resulted in Carrier being charged with the following felonies:

- 5 counts of Second Degree Murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison;
- 5 counts of Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison;
- 2 counts of Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Injury, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison;
- 5 counts of Driving While License Suspended Causing Death, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison; and
- 2 counts of Driving While License Suspended Causing Serious Injury, which carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison.

These charges arise out of a traffic crash at M-59 and Argentine Road on May 9, 2017 that resulted in the deaths of five individuals and serious injury to two other persons.

Under Michigan law, second degree murder applies to circumstances where someone commits an act with a high probability that it will result in death and does so in obvious disregard for human life.

Carrier was arrested by police without incident and he is presently in custody in the Livingston County Jail. He will be arraigned in the 53rd District Court later today.

As in all criminal cases, the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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