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## **MEDIA RELEASE-\*UPDATED\***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
**07/24/2014**

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Traffic Crash**

**DATE:** 07/24/2014      **TIME:** 0725 am      **DAY OF WEEK:** Thursday

**LOCATION:** Michigan Ave. near Sauk Trl., Pittsfield Twp.

**COMPLAINT NUMBER: 14-9390**

**INFORMATION:** Pittsfield Police and Fire responded to an injury traffic crash on Michigan Ave. near Sauk Trl, just west of the Pittsfield DPS. Preliminary investigation indicated that a motorcycle was stopped on E/B Michigan Ave. in heavy traffic. A Fed Ex tractor trailer was traveling E/B as well and rear ended the motorcycle, causing it to then strike the vehicle in front of it. That vehicle then also hit the vehicle in front of it, resulting in a total of four units being involved in the crash. The driver of the motorcycle was air lifted from the scene to the University of Michigan Hospital in critical condition. The subject then died as a result of his injuries several hours later. The driver was wearing a motorcycle helmet. No other injuries were reported at the time of the crash. The investigation into the crash is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident is encouraged to call the Pittsfield Police at 734-822-4911.

**DRIVER/DECEASED:** Randall Lee Palmer, 30 year old male resident of Onsted, MI.

**\*ADDITIONAL\*:** The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office has charged the driver of the Fed Ex tractor trailer; Detrick Deshawn Oliver, 28 yr. male of Inkster, MI; with one count of Moving Violation Causing Death.

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