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CLEVELAND

Charges in bystander's death

City prosecutors charged a Cleveland man with aggravated vehicular homicide and involuntary manslaughter after a police chase Saturday. David Beard Jr., 49, remained in City Jail last night. Two police officers driving north on East 55th Street around 4:30 p.m. Saturday heard a broadcast about a stolen Jeep and within seconds saw the vehicle heading east on Cedar Avenue. The driver initially pulled over and shut off the engine, but then started the vehicle again and drove off, police said. The driver turned onto Ashland Avenue, where the Jeep jumped the curb and hit Michael Whatley, 34, of Cleveland, police and the Cuyahoga County coroner's office said. The Jeep then flipped after hitting a car at Central Avenue and East 74th Street.

AKRON

Teen driver charged

A Stow teenager has been charged with delinquency by reason of aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular assault and curfew violation in the death of a 21-year-old woman who was killed when the boy's car crashed into hers. The 15-year-old denied the charges in Summit County Juvenile Court yesterday. He is in the detention facility and a trial is scheduled for Oct. 10. Stow police said Melissa Sadlowski of Stow was killed at 3:15 a.m. Friday when the boy's car, driven at a high speed, ran into hers on Ohio 59. A female passenger in her car was injured.

AKRON

Man charged in shooting

An Akron man has been charged in the shooting death of a woman with whom he lived. James Huff, 50, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on South Arlington Street, a short distance from the apartment he shared with Cynthia Clay, police said. Clay, 47, died in the South Arlington Street apartment after being shot once in the head. A .38-caliber revolver was found in Huff's car. Huff was charged with aggravated murder and a weapons violation. He appeared yesterday in Akron Municipal Court. His bond was set at \$1 million. Huff was convicted in 1991 of carrying a concealed weapon and another gun charge.

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