

For Immediate Release

Attorneys for the Estate of Nathaniel J. Stratton have filed to amend their Wrongful Death lawsuit against Madelyn Howard to add Kilroy's Sports, Inc. as an additional Defendant.

On September 18, 2022, Madelyn Howard was driving her vehicle north on Walnut Street in Bloomington, Indiana when she veered into the bicycle lane and struck and killed Nate Stratton, an IU student, who was riding a scooter. As a result of this incident, Madelyn Howard has been charged with four felonies; reckless homicide, leaving the scene of an accident, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and causing death when operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .08 or more. Madelyn Howard's blood alcohol concentration has been reported to the court as .226, almost 3 times the legal limit. Madelyn Howard is currently free on bond awaiting trial.

Bloomington, Indiana, lawyer Fred Schultz of Greene & Schultz Trial Lawyers, also filed a civil suit on behalf of the student's parents, Brad and Elizabeth Stratton, seeking damages for the wrongful death of their son. The Strattons allege that Madelyn Howard was negligent, reckless and that she was driving while intoxicated.

That civil lawsuit is being amended to add Kilroy's Sports Bar, located at 319 N. Walnut Street, Bloomington, Indiana. Further investigation revealed that Kilroy's staff continued to serve Madelyn Howard alcohol after she was visibly intoxicated and before driving her car that night. It should be noted that Madelyn Howard was an employee of Kilroy's but was not working on September 18, 2022. Indiana law prohibits bars, such as Kilroy's Sports, from serving alcohol to patrons who are already visibly intoxicated and from over-serving patrons. The amended Complaint alleges Kilroy's continued service of alcohol to a visibly intoxicated Madelyn Howard, which directly and proximately led to the death of Nate Stratton.

The Stratton family's goal is to prevent anyone else from suffering the unnecessary and devastating loss of a loved one. Drunk driving is a known danger that must be taken seriously by all of us in Bloomington, including the business community. The Strattons believe Ms. Howard should receive the maximum criminal penalty for her actions and also seek to hold Madelyn Howard and Kilroy's Sports Bar accountable for Nate Stratton's tragic death in civil court.

Nate Stratton's family is grateful to the law enforcement officials within the City of Bloomington and the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office. If you or anyone you know has any information regarding Madelyn Howard's activities on the night of September 17th or early morning hours of September 18, 2022, please contact the Bloomington Police Department at (812) 339-4477.