

DuPage Judge Kenneth Popejoy charged with leaving the scene of non-injury accident
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A DuPage County judge is charged with failure to provide information after an alleged hit and run accident.

Circuit Court Judge **Kenneth Popejoy** is charged with reckless driving, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to give information after striking an unattended motor vehicle.

DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett announced the charges today. In a press release from his office he alleged that on July 29, **Popejoy** crashed his car into a parked car on Ridgewood Avenue in Glen Ellyn at about 8:30 p.m.

He left the scene and went to his home in Wheaton and parked his car in his garage, says Birkett. Glen Ellyn and Wheaton police tracked down **Popejoy** at his house where he was issued the citations.

Birkett says his office learned of the incident yesterday and though **Popejoy** was charged with local ordinance violations, Birkett says his office will now handle the prosecution.

The press release was issued just prior to the start of the long holiday weekend so there isn't much chance to get more information from Birkett's office regarding the specific circumstances of the accident and why **Popejoy** did not allegedly think it was important to report it.