

2 youths charged in death of woman in wheelchair

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DETROIT -- **Two** teens who allegedly stole an SUV on July 17 and fatally struck a **woman in a wheelchair** were **charged** with murder and other felonies, the Wayne County prosecutor said Monday.

George Douglas, 14, and David Haley, 16, both **of** Detroit, were **charged** with felony murder and receiving and concealing stolen property - a Jeep Cherokee.

Worthy said Douglas will also be **charged** with unlawfully driving a motor vehicle, leaving the scene **of** a fatal accident and operating without a permit, a misdemeanor.

Police said the pair had stolen the Cherokee near the Wayne State University athletic fields and were eluding police when they ran a red light on Warren at the John Lodge service drive.

The Cherokee collided with a Jeep Liberty, ricocheted into a pole and struck Gwendolyn Leonard-Hall, 56, also **of** Detroit. Hall died at Detroit Receiving Hospital shortly afterward.

"Miss Hall was an innocent victim who met a violent **death** ," Worthy said. "This is not a case of mere joyriding. This was a case where, once again, a car was used **in** a dangerous way with a fatal result."

Both teens will be tried as adults, Worthy said. If convicted, the judge could sentence them as juveniles, as adults or a blend **of** both.

The boys will be arraigned Monday afternoon at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center **in** Greektown.

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