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Investigation Into Fatal Pedestrian Accident in Collegeville

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Collegeville Borough Police Chief Bart Bucher announce an investigation into a fatal accident where a 19 year old Ursinus student died. On Thursday December 17, 2015 at approx. 7:00 p.m. officers from the Collegeville Police Department responded to Main Street between 6th Street and 7th Street for a report of a pedestrian accident. Upon the arrival of police and emergency medical personnel they found a female lying on the sidewalk next to the roadway. The female was declared deceased at the scene of the accident. Police found a Nissan Rogue stopped within the eastbound lane of travel with damage to the right front headlight area.

A joint investigation between the Collegeville Police Department and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office is under way into the cause of the accident.

Initial findings indicate that the female pedestrian had been walking eastbound on the sidewalk and stepped into the eastbound lane of travel within the crosswalk. She was struck by the Nissan Rogue, which had been proceeding east.

The deceased female has been identified as Michelle Buck from Herndon, Va. Michelle was a student at Ursinus College in Collegeville.

The operator of the Nissan Rogue is a local resident. He was cooperative with law enforcement authorities and provided blood to police. Law enforcement authorities are continuing the investigation. The investigation will include analysis of the driver's blood to determine whether any alcohol or controlled substances were involved in the incident and crash reconstruction.

Anyone with information on the accident is asked to contact Collegeville Police at 610-489-9332.

Approved for release:

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