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PHILADELPHIA MAN ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE

Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele and Hatfield Police Chief William Tierney announce the arrest of Jacquill Maurice Johnson for Homicide by Vehicle and related charges arising out of this morning's motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Forty Foot Road and Welsh Road in Hatfield.

Along with Homicide by Vehicle, the defendant is charged with Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury, Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury While Not Properly Licensed, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and multiple summary violations of the vehicle code.

An investigation by the Hatfield Police and the Montgomery Detective Bureau revealed that this morning at 4:52 a.m., the defendant was operating his car at a high rate of speed northbound on Welsh Road approaching Forty Foot Road. The victim, Shirley Russell, aged 80, was traveling west on Forty Foot road and entered into the intersection with a steady green signal. The defendant disregarded a steady red signal and struck Ms. Russell's car, causing it to flip on its side. After the accident, the defendant took the registration plate out of his back window and fled the scene. Ms. Russell suffered severe blunt impact injuries and was pronounced dead by medical personnel at the scene. The defendant returned to the area approximately one hour later and was arrested.

In addition, at the time of the crash the defendant had a suspended driver's license and had no proper tags or insurance for the car.

This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lindsey O'Brien.

The defendant will be arraigned this evening before Magisterial District Judge Walter Gadzicki, Jr. A preliminary hearing is pending.

Approved for release:

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