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SECOND CAR INVOLVED IN FEB. 4 FATAL CRASH ON ROUTE 422 IN WEST POTTS GROVE BEING SOUGHT

Following the one-vehicle fatal crash on Route 422 eastbound just west of mile marker 169.4 that occurred at 12:02 a.m. on Feb. 4, 2017, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office announced that it is seeking information on a second car that was involved with the crash.

Based on witness interviews, the car that crashed was racing another vehicle at the time of the crash. The second car initially stopped at the crash scene but then fled the scene. The second car was described as a newer model black Dodge Challenger with dark tinted windows, bright headlights and yellow fog lights. The car was displaying an unknown Delaware license plate. The investigation revealed the car involved in the crash was travelling in excess of 100 mph at the time of the crash.

Anyone who might have witnessed the crash or have any information about the other car that fled is asked to call either the Montgomery County Detectives at 610-278-3368 or the West Pottsgrove Police at 610-323-2090.

At 12:02 a.m. Saturday, West Pottsgrove Police responded to the crash and found that a 2007 BMW had broken through a guardrail and launched off the south side of the eastbound lanes of Route 422 and went airborne striking numerous trees in the air, coming to a rest on its roof at the bottom of a 30-foot embankment. Three occupants were trapped in the car. The driver of the vehicle, 22-year-old Shone Santiago, was extracted from the car and flown to Reading Hospital by helicopter and is in critical condition. Santiago is from New York City but is currently attending school in the Exton, Pa. area.

The two passengers were extracted by the fire department and were declared dead at the scene. Autopsies were performed on them on February 4, 2017. The names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Police were assisted at the scene by West End, Phillies, Amity and North Coventry Fire Companies, Good Will Ambulance and MidAtlantic MedEvac as well as the Pennsylvania State Police, North Coventry Police, Lower Pottsgrove Police, Upper Providence Police and the Montgomery County Detectives. PennDOT also assisted.

The investigation is being conducted by the West Pottsgrove Police Department and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau.

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