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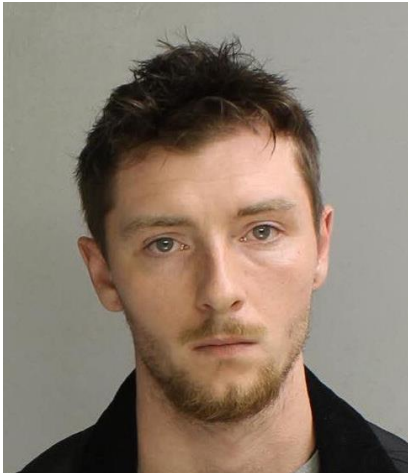
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DRIVER NICHOLAS SHAW CHARGED IN CONNECTION TO OCT. 27 FATAL HIT-AND-RUN IN HATFIELD



NICHOLAS SHAW

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 13, 2023)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Hatfield Township Police Chief William J. Tierney announce the arrest of Nicholas Shaw, 26, of Hatfield, on charges related to the Oct. 27, 2022, fatal hit-and-run in Hatfield that killed 83-year-old Linford Michener of Hatfield.

At 3:13 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, Hatfield Police and emergency personnel responded to Oak Park Road in Hatfield to find Mr. Michener lying unresponsive in a drainage ditch adjacent to the road. He was transported to Abington Lansdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 4:10 p.m. An autopsy was performed by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office and the cause of death was "blunt impact injuries." Dr. Khalil Wardak noted that the injuries were consistent with having been struck by a motor vehicle.

The investigation by Hatfield Police found that Mr. Michener was walking along the roadway to a fenced-in portion of the rear of his property. His wife was weeding a different area of their property when she heard a van hit something. Police located

video surveillance from a nearby homeowner that showed a blue Econoline work van with white roof-mounted ladder racks and a white North Penn School District logo on the passenger door. One van matching the description was found parked at the North Penn School District Facilities secure parking lot. The van was found to have fresh damage to the hood and passenger side of the vehicle. School district records showed that the van was being used by Nicholas Shaw, who is a groundskeeper for the school district and was assigned to cut grass on the day of the crash at Pennfield Middle School, which is approximately 1.5 miles from the crash site. Video surveillance from Pennfield Middle School shows the defendant getting into the blue van at 3:02 p.m., and there is no visible damage to the van. At 3:11 p.m., surveillance video from the school district's Support Services Building parking facility shows the van being driven by Shaw pulling into the area and there is clear damage to the van.

The investigation found that the defendant had driven the Econoline van with careless disregard for the safety of other persons or property, and that after striking Mr. Michener, Shaw fled the scene, failed to provide aid to the victim and failed to report the crash to police, as required by law.

Shaw was charged with Accidents Involving Death or Injury, Failure to Stop/Render Aid, Failing to Report Accident to Police and Careless Driving. He was arraigned Jan. 12, 2023, before Magisterial District Judge Katherine E. McGill, who set bail at \$10,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m., Jan. 24, 2023, in front of Judge McGill.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Samantha Arena.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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