



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE:

SUBJECT: Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash

On April 30th, 2012 at approximately 8:38pm the Newark Police were notified of a struck pedestrian on Library Avenue just south of Ogletown Road. Arriving officers immediately determined that the incident was a hit and run collision.

Preliminary information is that the adult female pedestrian was crossing Library Avenue westbound from College Square Shopping Center in front of the Newark Free Library when she was struck by an unknown southbound vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop at the scene.

Several passing motorists stopped to render aid to the victim who was found still lying in the southbound lanes. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The victim's identity is being withheld at this time pending family notification.

Investigators have found evidence at the scene indicating that the vehicle may be an unknown make Honda.

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating the striking vehicle involved in this collision. The vehicle most likely has front end damage possibly on the right side.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Corporal Thomas Smith of the Newark Police Traffic Unit at (302) 366-7111 or thomas.smith@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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