



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Newark Man Arrested Following Hit and Run Collision Injuring Two Pedestrians

The Newark Police have arrested 46 year old Errol L. Johnson of Newark following a hit and run collision injuring three pedestrians in the unit block of East Cleveland Avenue.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:15am this morning when a group of pedestrians including a 21 year old female from Morristown, NJ, a 19 year old female from Irvington, NY, and a 19 year old female from Northport, NY, were walking westbound on the north side of East Cleveland Avenue. The preliminary investigation has revealed that the 21 year old female pedestrian was walking in the roadway just off of the curblineline when she was struck by a westbound 2001 Dodge Dakota Pickup truck operated by Johnson. The two 19 year old female pedestrians, who were both walking westbound on the north sidewalk, were both struck by flying debris from the initial collision. One was struck in the back of the head and the other in the lower leg.

Following the collision, the vehicle operated by Johnson, failed to stop and continued westbound on East Cleveland Avenue. Witnesses obtained the tag number for the vehicle and officers immediately responded to Johnson's home where the vehicle was located in the driveway. Johnson was found still inside the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident.

The 21 year old female pedestrian was transported to Christiana Hospital and is listed in serious but stable condition with head and internal injuries. The 19 year old female pedestrian, struck in the back of the head with debris, was transported to Christiana Hospital for a minor laceration to the head. The second 19 year old pedestrian, struck in the back of the leg with debris, declined medical treatment.

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Defendant: Errol L. Johnson (DOB: 12/16/1965)
4 N. Wynwyd Drive
Newark, DE 19711

Charges: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
Leaving Scene of Injury Collision

Johnson was released from custody after posting \$600 secured bail.

Injured: 21 year old female
Morristown, NJ
Head and internal injuries
Serious but stable condition at Christiana Hospital

19 year old female (UD Student)
Irvington, NY
Minor laceration to back of head, treated at Christiana Hospital

19 year old female (UD Student)
Northport, NY
Minor leg injury, declined treatment

The Newark Police Department Traffic Unit continue their investigation into this crash. Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Corporal Wayne Aston at 302-366-7110 ext. 414 or wayne.aston@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.

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