



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: NPD Make Arrest in 2012 Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**

Newark Police have arrested 26 year old Ryan Wroten of Newark, DE for the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 fatal hit and run collision on Library Avenue which killed 76 year old Helen Yang.

At the time of the collision Yang was crossing Library Avenue westbound in front of the Newark Free Library when she was struck by a southbound vehicle which failed to stop at the scene. Yang was pronounced deceased at the scene.

During the collision investigation, NPD Traffic Unit investigators located and collected vehicle parts at the scene which were believed to be from the striking vehicle. In early July, investigators received information that Wroten may have been involved in the collision. Investigators located Wroten's vehicle, a 2000 four door Honda Accord at his residence and found damage consistent with the collision. Investigators seized the vehicle and collected evidence which was forwarded to the FBI Crime Lab in Quantico, VA. Forensic analysis conducted by the FBI linked Wroten's vehicle to the collision.

Investigators obtained a warrant for Wroten on April 12<sup>th</sup> and he was located and arrested at his residence on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He was arrested for Leaving the Scene of a Collision Causing Death and arraigned at JP Court #2. Wroten was released after posting \$1,000 secured bail.

**Defendant:** Ryan Wroten (DOB 02/19/87)  
15 Beagle Club Way  
Newark, DE 19711

**Charges:** Leaving the Scene of a Collision Causing Death

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating this vehicle and/or the operator. 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](mailto: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](http://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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