



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Two Killed in Single Vehicle Collision

Newark Police are investigating a single vehicle fatal collision which occurred this morning at approximately 12:26am on Library Avenue (Route 72) just north of Ogletown Road.

A preliminary investigation has determined that a 1994 Chevrolet Pickup Truck traveling southbound on Library Avenue drove off the west edge of roadway and struck a tree located in the traffic island just north of the intersection of Library Avenue and Ogletown Road.

The operator, identified as 21 year old Zachary Burris of Newark, and the front seat passenger, identified as 21 year old Alexis Baunchalk, also of Newark, were both pronounced deceased at the scene. A preliminary investigation indicates that neither were properly restrained at the time of the crash.

The intersection of Library Avenue and Ogletown Road was closed for approximately four and a half hours while NPD Traffic Officers investigated the collision. No further information is available at the time of this release.

The Newark Police Department Traffic Unit continues their investigation into this crash. Anyone who may have witnessed this collision is asked to contact Corporal Thomas Smith at 302-366-7110 ext. 450 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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