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SUBJECT OF PRESS RELEASE

Newark Police Officers Pull A Subject From Vehicle Prior To It Being Struck By A Train

On June 21, 2015 at approximately 11:10 p.m. a 2011 Ford Escape driven by 76 year old George Kichline of Alpha, NJ was westbound on West Main Street approaching the intersection of South Main Street, West Main Street and New London Road. The Ford Escape made a right turn onto the gravel rail bed of the CSX railroad located in that intersection and became stuck.

Two Newark police officers were working an extra duty job at the Deer Park Tavern and observed the vehicle turn onto the rail line. These officers immediately ran over and contacted the driver, at which time, the warning indicators began to flash and the gate arms came down indicating an approaching train. The officers were able to quickly usher Mr. Kichline safely away from the vehicle. An eastbound CSX train then struck the vehicle and pushed it all the way to North College Avenue before dislodging from the train.

The CSX train safely came to a stop. No one was injured during this collision. Alcohol is not considered a factor in this collision.

The investigation into this incident by the Newark Police Department Traffic Unit is continuing, no charges have been filed at this time.

Anyone with additional information about this collision is asked to contact Sgt. Curtis Davis at 302-366-7100 ext. 3118 or curtis.davis@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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