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Joint Investigation Into Fatal Crash In Horsham

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Horsham Township Police Chief William Daly announce the joint investigation into a fatal motor vehicle crash that resulted in the death of Erik Detweiler, 25 years old, of Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, December 27, 2015 at approximately 2:12 A.M., officers from the Horsham Township Police Department responded to Route 611 and County Line Road for the report of a tractor trailer and passenger car crash. Upon the arrival of police and emergency medical personnel, a deceased male was found trapped in the passenger seat of a grey Hyundai vehicle. The operator of the Hyundai was transported to Abington Hospital for medical treatment.

Initial findings indicate that the Hyundai had been proceeding northbound on Route 611 and was making a left turn onto County Line Road when it was struck by a southbound tractor trailer.

The operator of the tractor trailer is a New Jersey resident and has cooperated with law enforcement and provided blood to police. The operator of the Hyundai is from Souderton, Pennsylvania. The investigation will include analysis of both drivers' blood to determine whether any alcohol or controlled substances were involved in the incident and a crash reconstruction to determine cause.

Approved for release:

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