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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>Date of Incident:</b>	09/06/2017	<b>Incident #</b>	2017-32943
<b>Time of Incident</b>	9:17 P.M.	<b>Incident Type</b>	Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash
<b>Incident Location:</b>	State Highway 42 / Watson Drive		
<b>Investigating Officer(s)</b>	Officer Dennis P. McGrail #10-154		
<b>Other Involved Agencies</b>	Washington Township Ambulance, Inspira Paramedics, Washington Township Fire Department, Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation		
<b>Media Release Approved By</b>	Lieutenant Kenneth J. Kennedy #10-80		

### Incident Narrative

On September 6, at approximately 9:17 P.M. patrol officers were dispatched to a serious motor vehicle crash on northbound State Highway 42 (Black Horse Pike) in the area of Watson Drive.

The preliminary investigation reveals a 2004 Ford F-150 was traveling southbound on State Highway 42 approaching its intersection with Watson Drive, when it crossed the grass median and made contact with a 2003 Toyota Solara traveling northbound on State Highway 42.

The driver of the 2003 Toyota Solara subsequently died at the scene as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash.

The driver of the 2004 Ford F-150 was not injured in the crash and placed under arrest for vehicular homicide.

State Highway 42 was closed for approximately 6 hours following the crash. The crash remains under investigation. If anyone witnessed the crash or has any information that would aid in the investigation please contact Officer Dennis P. McGrail at [dmcgrail@pd.twp.washington.nj.us](mailto:dmcgrail@pd.twp.washington.nj.us). Requests for additional information should be directed to Lieutenant Kenneth J. Kennedy.

<b>Name</b>	Cathleen L. LaBance	<b>Age</b>	31
<b>Address</b>	West Deptford, NJ		
<b>Vehicle (if applicable)</b>	2003 Toyota Solara		
<b>Injuries (if applicable)</b>	Unspecified fatal injuries		
<b>Charges</b>	N/A	<b>Arrest (Yes/No)</b>	N/A

### Subject 2

<b>Name</b>	Robert J. Gardner, Jr.	<b>Age</b>	21
<b>Address</b>	Turnersville, NJ		
<b>Vehicle (if applicable)</b>	2004 Ford F-150		
<b>Injuries (if applicable)</b>	N/A		
<b>Charges</b>	Vehicular Homicide, Aggravated Manslaughter, Operating Under 39:3-40 Resulting in Death, and Driving While Intoxicated	<b>Arrest (Yes/No)</b>	Yes