



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE

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MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Incident:	August 24, 2018	Incident #	18-34472
Time of Incident	10:05 am	Incident Type	Motor vehicle crash
Incident Location:	S.H. 42 (Southbound) in the area of Ganttown Rd.		
Investigating Officer(s)	Ofc. Chris Tarasevich along with members of our Investigative Bureau		
Other Involved Agencies	Washington Township Fire Department/Ambulance and Rescue		
Media Release Approved By	Chief Patrick Gurcsik		

Incident Narrative

On August 24, 2018 at approximately 10:33 A.M. patrol officers observed a vehicle come to rest on S.H 42 (Southbound) in front of the Priscilla Town Center. The vehicle had front end damage and numerous flat tires. When officers approached, the operator failed to exit the vehicle after being given several verbal commands. After several minutes, the operator exited the vehicle, unclothed, and began walking southbound on S.H. 42. Officers on scene walked behind the male continuing to give him verbal commands to stop and cooperate, he continued walking. At this point, direction was given to deploy our Conducted Energy Device (Taser) on the male. He was subsequently taken into custody and transported to Jefferson Hospital (Washington Twp.) for treatment.

The preliminary investigation reveals the male was operating a 2010 Mercedes Benz southbound on S.H. 42 in Washington Township. After striking four (4) vehicles along the way, he came to rest in front of Priscilla Town Center. A short time after the male exited the vehicle, it began to smoke and ultimately caught on fire. There were no injuries reported.

The incident remains under investigation. If anyone has any information that would aid in the investigation please contact Officer Chris Tarasevich at cmtarasevich@pd.twp.washington.nj.us.

Requests for additional information should be directed to Captain Kenneth J. Kennedy at kjkenendy@pd.twp.washington.nj.us

Name	Patrice Laporte Jr.	Age	28
Address	Bayard Rd. Upper Darby PA.		
Vehicle (if applicable)	2010 Mercedes Benz		
Injuries (if applicable)	None reported		
Charges	Obstructing Justice/Resisting Arrest	Arrest (Yes/No)	Yes

Subject 2

Name		Age	
Address			
Vehicle (if applicable)			
Injuries (if applicable)			
Charges		Arrest (Yes/No)	

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