



# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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| <b>Date of Incident:</b> 04-05-2020 |  | <b>Incident #</b>    | 2020-12711                |
| <b>Time of Incident</b>             | 05:13  | <b>Incident Type</b> | Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash |
| <b>Incident Location:</b>           | Blackwood Barnsboro Road (County Route #603)   |                      |                           |
| <b>Investigating Officer(s)</b>     | Officer John R. Freitag #10134   |                      |                           |
| <b>Other Involved Agencies</b>      | Washington Township Ambulance, Inspira Memorial Hospital Paramedics, Washington Township Fire Department |                      |                           |
| <b>Media Release Approved By</b>    | Captain Kenneth Kennedy #1080  |                      |                           |

### Incident Narrative

On April 5, 2020 at approximately 05:13 hours, patrol officers were dispatched to a serious motor vehicle crash on Blackwood Barnsboro Road near the intersection with Cape Cod Drive.

The preliminary investigation reveals a 2006 Chrysler 300 was traveling east on Blackwood Barnsboro Road (County Route #603). A pedestrian was attempting to cross Blackwood Barnsboro from south to north. When the pedestrian stepped into the eastbound lane of Blackwood Barnsboro, the Chrysler made contact with the pedestrian. As a result of the impact, the pedestrian was transported to Cooper Medical Center in critical condition.

**Update:** On 04/06/2020 at 1646 the pedestrian was pronounced deceased at Cooper Medical Center.

Blackwood Barnsboro was shut down between Cape Cod Drive and Harvard Avenue for approximately 1.5 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 John R. Freitag #10134 at [jrfreitag@pd.twp.washington.nj.us](mailto:jrfreitag@pd.twp.washington.nj.us) or (856) 207-8955. Requests for additional information should be directed to Captain Kenneth Kennedy #1080.

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| <b>Name</b>                     | Theodore E. Dewees 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Age</b>             | 39 |
| <b>Address</b>                  | Blackwood, New Jersey 08012        |                        |    |
| <b>Vehicle (if applicable)</b>  | N/A.                               |                        |    |
| <b>Injuries (if applicable)</b> | Deceased                           |                        |    |
| <b>Charges</b>                  | None                               | <b>Arrest (Yes/No)</b> | No |
| <b>Subject 2</b>                |                                    |                        |    |
| <b>Name</b>                     | Sherri L. Grimaldi                 | <b>Age</b>             | 53 |
| <b>Address</b>                  | Clementon, New Jersey 08021        |                        |    |
| <b>Vehicle (if applicable)</b>  | 2006 Chrysler 300                  |                        |    |
| <b>Injuries (if applicable)</b> | None                               |                        |    |
| <b>Charges</b>                  | Pending investigation              | <b>Arrest (Yes/No)</b> | No |