



Allendale Police Department

News Release

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On July 8, 2015 at 1225 pm, Allendale Police received multiple 911 calls reporting a serious motor vehicle crash on the off ramp from Route 17 South onto Pearl Court. Allendale Police units were dispatched and upon arrival found a single vehicle crash with one injured person. The injured person was an unrestrained 16 year old female from China who was riding in the rear seat of the vehicle. Medical aid was administered and the victim was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation revealed that occupants of two vehicles, the Black Mercedes SUV and a white BMW, knew each other and were traveling south on the highway together. The vehicles were traveling at high speed and weaving in and out of traffic. As they approached Pearl Court the white BMW moved from the left lane into the right lane, causing the Mercedes driver to abruptly exit the highway onto Pearl Court. The vehicle was going at such a speed it lost control on the curve, striking the curb, going airborne, striking a boulder on a traffic island, and landing upright at the intersection of Boroline Road and Pearl Court. The driver and a front seat passenger were not injured and remained on scene. An unrestrained dog was also riding in the vehicle at the time of the crash. The dog was examined on scene and found to have no visible injury.

Occupants of both vehicles, as well as several witnesses were interviewed about the crash. As a result of these interviews and the on-scene investigation several MV complaints and a criminal charge were signed against the operators of the two vehicles. The driver of the black Mercedes SUV, a 20 year-old unlicensed driver from China, was charged with:

39:4-96 – Reckless Driving	39:3-40 – Driving With Registration Suspended
39:3-29B – Fail to Produce License	39:3-29 – Fail To Produce Registration
39:4-52 – Racing on a Highway	39:3-76.2.f – No Seatbelt
39:3-10 – Unlicensed Driver	4:22-18 – Improper Restraint of Animal in Vehicle
2C:12-1C(1) – Assault by Auto	

The driver of the white BMW, a 19 year-old female, was charged with:

39:4-97 – Careless Driving	39:4-52 – Racing on a Highway
39:3-10 – Unlicensed Driver	

The Allendale Police would like to thank all agencies that assisted including Saddle River, Ramsey and Upper Saddle River Police, Allendale Fire Department, and Valley Hospital Basic Life Support and Paramedics.