



# NEWS RELEASE

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

**SUBJECT:** Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash- Pedestrian Struck on Hwy 35

**DATE/TIME:** 09/28/2009

**LOCATION:** Hwy 35 North and Allaire Ave

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Alisa Martinez, Casey Larrison, Sgt. Todd Gregory, Detective Patrick Martin, Detective Matt Jackiewicz and Det/Sgt. Charles Weinkofsky.

### **NARRATIVE**

On 9/28/09 at approximately 6:59 pm, police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 35 north and Allaire Ave. Initial reports indicated a bicyclist had been struck while trying to cross the intersection at Allaire Ave. Officers arrived on scene and found a 46-year-old female victim from Asbury Park, later identified as Yvette Holland, unconscious in the roadway. Officers and arriving Wanamassa First aid personnel began immediately attending to the victim. She was later pronounced dead at the scene. Further investigation revealed that the victim was attempting to cross Highway 35 from east to west against the red traffic signal while walking with her bicycle during a period of darkness and heavy rain showers. The traffic light at the intersection was green for Highway 35 north and south at the time of the crash. The victim was subsequently struck by 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer traveling in the left northbound lane of Highway 35 which was operated by a 54-year-old woman from Ocean Grove. That driver suffered a minor cut to her left hand but declined further medical treatment. The Mitsubishi had damage to the left front bumper, the hood and windshield. It was later towed from the scene.

The Monmouth County Serious Collision Response Team assisted in the investigation along with the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office. The NJ Department of Transportation assisted with closing Highway 35 North from Herbert Ave to Deal Road during the investigation. That section of the Highway was closed for approximately 3 hours. The Wanamassa First Aid and Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

Anyone that may have witnessed the crash or has specific information about the crash is asked to contact Officer Casey Larrison of the Traffic Bureau or Detective Patrick Martin. Both can be reached at 732-531-1800.

**PREPARED BY:** Detective Lieutenant Steven R. Peters

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