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Shortly before 2:00 AM on Friday morning, 14 March 2008, Off. Mike Bryant of the Northwest Regional Police Department observed a pickup truck drive off the roadway and into a field adjacent to the intersection of Elizabethtown Rd. and Milton Grove intersection. Apparently the operator of the vehicle Jason B. Kennedy M/25 YOA of Elizabethtown, PA failed to see Off. Bryant's police cruiser parked in the Risser's Mennonite Church parking lot directly adjacent to the field. Off. Bryant proceeded to watch the pick up truck spin wildly in 360 degree circles several times in the field. This was not the first time Off. Bryant had observed a truck drive into that very same field. Off. Bryant recalled having difficulty apprehending the driver during the previous incident. That time the driver fled across the field away from Off. Bryant. This time Off. Bryant waited until the pickup truck returned to the hard road before activating his patrol car's emergency lights. He was able to stop Kennedy within a short distance.

Field Sobriety test were administer at the scene by Off. Bryant and Sgt. Louis Ippolito of the Mount Joy Borough Police Department. Kennedy failed the sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested. He failed additional tests at the Northwest regional Police Station. As a result of the incident, Off. Mike Bryant is charging Kennedy with Driving Under the Influence and Trespass by Motor Vehicle.

A spokesperson for the Northwest Regional Police Department expresses extreme disappointment in that motorists continue to consume alcohol and drive. Members of the Northwest Regional Police Department strongly encourage motorists not to drink and drive.

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