



Northwest Regional Police Department

155 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown Pa. 17022
(717) 367-8481 Fax (717) 367-3382
Samuel H. Gatchell III - Chief of Police

News Release

Date: April 5, 2010

The Northwest Regional Police were involved in 2 Driving Under the Influence arrests over the weekend and are attempting to determine the cause of a vehicle crash on Sunday morning.

At 0051 hrs. on Saturday, 3 April 2010, Off. Michael Bryant was conducting a speed enforcement detail in Mount Joy Township. During the detail he stopped a 1981 Volkswagen being driven by Jon Phillip Hossler M/21 of the 700 block of Church Rd., Manheim, PA. Hossler failed preliminary field sobriety tests and a subsequent breath test. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance (2 counts), Possession of Prohibited Offensive Weapons, Maximum Speed Limits and Operation of Vehicle Without a Certificate of Inspection by Officer Michael Bryant.

Shortly after the first arrest at 0223 hrs. on Saturday, 3 April 2010, the Northwest Regional Police received a report of a vehicle being driven erratically on Route 283 West. It was reported that a light colored Subaru station wagon would speed up to 100 MPH and then slow down to an abnormally slow speed. At one point the vehicle was reported to have struck the medial barriers in East Hempfield Township.

Officer Michael Bryant was able to observe the vehicle as the caller reported it turning off of Route 283 onto the exit ramp at the Cloverleaf Rd. exit in Mount Joy Township. Officer Bryant caught up to the vehicle as it pulled into a private parking lot in the 1200 block of Cloverleaf Road. Officer Bryant administered field sobriety tests to Lawrence Wilkinson M/37 of the 500 block of Holly Drive, New Providence, PA. Wilkinson failed the field sobriety tests and a subsequent breath test. He was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance (2 counts) and Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic.

On Sunday morning, April 4, 2010, Officer Michael Bryant responded to a report of a vehicle crash with injuries on the Route 283 exit ramp at Route 743. A 2001 Isuzu

.....

Rodeo had collided into the rear of a tractor trailer. The investigation determined that the vehicles had traveled 1,400 feet after impact until they came to a stopped position. The Isuzu had to be extricated from underneath the trailer. The driver of the Isuzu, Eric Grant Simpkins M/40, was transported for treatment to the Lancaster General Hospital. The Northwest Regional Police are continuing their investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

