



## Northwest Regional Police Department

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### News Release

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On 18 January 2012 at 7:55 PM officers from the Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police Department were dispatched to a vehicle accident on (PA) Route 283 West, in the area of Snyder Road in Mount Joy Township. Officers on arrival found the driver unresponsive and entrapped in the vehicle. An injured passenger was outside of the vehicle being aided by a passing motorist. The investigation determined that a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling West on Route 283 when it left the North side of the roadway, traveled down an embankment and then collided with a grove of trees. The majority of the impact was absorbed by the driver's side of the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, 17 year old Zachary Scott Millhouse, a resident of Mount Joy Township, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Carroll Rottmund of the Lancaster County Coroner's Office. An 18 year old female passenger in the vehicle was transported to the Penn State Hershey Medical Center for treatment of injuries suffered in the accident.

The Northwest Lancaster County Crash Team, the Elizabethtown Borough Police Department, Susquehanna Regional Police Department, Rheems Fire Department and the Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services assisted with the investigation.

The investigation has determined that speed was a factor causing the accident. The occupants of the vehicle were not wearing seat belts. This roadway generally experiences a high level of traffic at the time of day of the accident. The Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police are asking that anyone who may have witnessed the accident or erratic driving on Route 283 Westbound from Lancaster at the approximate time of the accident to contact them at 717-367-8481.

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