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Follow Up to Double Fatal Traffic Accident

Officers from the Meriden Police Department's Accident Investigation Unit continue to investigate the double fatal traffic accident which occurred on Sunday, November 3, 2013. In doing so investigators executed several search warrants for the retrieval of evidence. These search warrants were specifically seeking evidence from Israel Gonzalez and the vehicle he was operating on the night in question. Search Warrants revealed that Gonzalez had an elevated Blood Alcohol Level that was more than three times the legal limit.

Gonzalez is scheduled to appear in court on November 18, 2013. When presented on that date Gonzalez will face the following additional charges:

- 1.) Two (2) Counts of Manslaughter in the second Degree with a Motor Vehicle
- 2.) Three (3) Counts of Assault in the Second Degree with a Motor Vehicle
- 3.) Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or drugs

At this time the investigation remains open as investigators continue their work. Meriden Police Investigators are seeking the assistance of the public in determining where Gonzalez was prior to the fatal accident. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact Lieutenant Thomas Cossette at 203-630-6256.