

Meriden Police Department Accident Reconstruction Unit Press Release

Date: 1-28-15

Time: 0943 Hours

Location: Intersection of Lewis Avenue and Exit Ramp of Rte. 691 west

Incident: Motor Vehicle vs. Meriden Police Cruiser (K-9 Unit)

On 1-28-15 at approximately 0943 Hours, Meriden Police were dispatched to the intersection of Lewis Avenue and the exit ramp of 691 westbound (Exit 6) on a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a Meriden Police cruiser and a BMW.

Upon arrival, Officers observed a gray BMW that was resting in a snow bank at the Entrance to Midstate Medical Center. The Meriden Police cruiser also came to rest in a snow bank also located at the hospital entrance.

The operator/owner of the BMW, Ms. Goin Fabiola, was exiting the Rte. 691 exit ramp and attempting to enter Midstate Hospital's entrance. According to separate witnesses on scene, Ms. Fabiola disobeyed a red light at the end of the exit ramp and proceeded into the intersection resulting in the crash. K-9 Officer Jason Degumbia was traveling south on Lewis Avenue when Ms. Fabiola's vehicle darted in front of him. He was unable to avoid the collision, resulting in the crash.

Ms. Fabiola was transported to Midstate Hospital for minor injuries. Officer Degumbia was transported to Middlesex Hospital and is being treated for a broken wrist, possible broken elbow, neck and back pain. A Meriden Police K-9, Kilo, was in the back of the cruiser at the time of the crash. Kilo was transported to his veterinarian to be checked out for any injuries. Kilo was treated and released. Ms. Goin Fabiola was issued an infraction for Failure to Obey a Control Signal.

This accident is being investigated by the Meriden Police Accident Reconstruction Unit. Any witnesses to the accident are asked to contact Officer Donna Zurstadt at (203) 630-6215 or Lt. Thomas Cossette at (203) 630-6256. The accident is open at this time.

Lieutenant Thomas Cossette
Unit Commander
Accident Reconstruction Team