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FATAL CRASH ON WEST MAIN STREET IN NORRISTOWN UNDER INVESTIGATION

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 3, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Municipal Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce a joint investigation into a fatal crash that occurred at about 5:30 a.m. at the intersection of Main and Hamilton Streets in Norristown.

The initial investigation has revealed that Norristown police officers were dispatched to a report of suspicious activity on Buttonwood Street. Upon arrival of uniformed police, individuals in a white Hyundai sedan fled the scene at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to obtain the registration of the vehicle, but the vehicle sped away before that could be done. A Norristown police officer then saw the vehicle run a red light on Hamilton Street at Main Street where it collided with an off-duty Montgomery County deputy sheriff, who was driving to work in his personal vehicle. At the time of the crash, the sedan was not being pursued by the police.

One occupant of the sedan was pronounced dead at the scene. Four sedan occupants were taken for treatment to Paoli Hospital. The deputy, who was alone in his vehicle, was treated and released.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Approved for release:

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