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SOUDERTON MAN CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE WHILE DUI IN DEC. 27 FATAL CRASH

NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Horsham Township Police Chief William Daly announce the filing of charges against Corey Adam Mitchell, 26, of Souderton on the charges of Homicide by Vehicle while Driving Under the Influence and related offenses for causing the death of his friend Erik Detweiler, 25. The victim was living in California and was visiting his family at their home in Quakertown.

The charges stem from a two-vehicle accident that occurred Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015. Officers from the Horsham Township Police Department responded at 2:12 a.m. to the intersection of County Line Road and Easton Road for a two-vehicle accident involving a 2006 Hyundai Tiburon, driven by the defendant with Detweiler in the passenger seat, and a tractor-trailer.

The crash investigation, conducted by the Horsham Township Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau, found that the defendant was driving northbound on Easton Road and entered into the left-turn lane with the intention of turning left onto County Line Road. The defendant proceeded into the intersection at an angle, going through a red traffic light and directly into the path of the tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer struck the passenger side of the defendant's vehicle, killing Detweiler.

The investigation revealed the defendant was driving with his vehicle headlights off and drove through a red traffic signal when turning left onto County Line Road. Additionally, an analysis of the defendant's blood found a blood alcohol concentration of .154% and the presence of marijuana.

The defendant is expected to turn himself in early next week and will be arraigned. The case falls under the jurisdiction of Magisterial District Judge Harry J. Nesbitt. A preliminary hearing will be scheduled at the time of the arraignment.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sophia Polites.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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