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TOW TRUCK DRIVER CHARGED IN LOWER MERION FATAL CRASH ON DEC. 2



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 20, 2016) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lower Merion Township Police Chief Michael J. McGrath announce the arrest of Farran Haynes, 44, of Clarkson Avenue in Philadelphia, stemming from a Dec. 2, 2016 crash that resulted in the death of 72-year-old Huiqing Jiang.

On Dec. 2, 2016 at 6:40 p.m., Lower Merion Township Police responded to a report of a male lying on Righters Mill Road just west of Woodbine Avenue. Mr. Jiang was found unresponsive, and he later was pronounced dead at Lankenau Hospital. No vehicle was found on location. An investigation of the crash by Lower Merion Police and Montgomery County Detectives determined that Haynes was driving a 2012 Dodge Ram 5500 Flat Bed Tow Truck, owned by Bala Motor Sports, when he struck the pedestrian. The investigation revealed that the defendant did not stop to offer aid to the victim and later attempted to conceal the damage to the truck. Additionally, the defendant had operated the vehicle that day in excess of federal regulations and was found to have altered a Commercial Medical Certificate.

Haynes is charged with Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury, Failure to Stop and Render Aid, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Forgery and Operating with Unsafe Equipment. He was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Henry Schireson, who set bail at \$25,000. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Jan. 5, 2017 before Judge Schireson. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Price.

Approved for release:

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