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STEVEN GISMONDE JR. ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE FOR ATV-CAR CRASH IN UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP ON DEC. 24



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 10, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Providence Township Police Chief Mark A. Toomey announce the arrest of Steven E. Gismonde Jr., 32, of South Lewis Road in Collegeville, for Homicide by Vehicle while DUI and other charges in the death of 21-year-old Sydney Hunter Stone.

At 2:35 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016, Upper Providence Township Police responded to a crash at the intersection of Ridge Pike and Greenwood Avenue involving a Suzuki ATV and a Honda Civic. A joint investigation of the crash by Upper Providence Township Police and Montgomery County Detectives determined that the ATV operated by Gismonde was driving southbound on Greenwood Avenue approaching Ridge Pike when the defendant failed to stop for the posted stop sign and entered the westbound travel lane on Ridge Pike. Gismonde's ATV hit the front passenger side of the Honda and the impact caused the ATV to ride up onto the hood of the Honda, ejecting Gismonde and Ms. Stone from the ATV. Ms. Stone was transported to Pottstown Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Gismonde was transported to Paoli Hospital for his injuries.

A toxicology report on Gismonde's blood revealed a BAC of .135%. Additionally, Gismonde is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Pennsylvania and has a suspended driver's license in the state of New Jersey.

Gismonde was arrested Feb. 8, 2017 and charged with felony Homicide by Vehicle while Driving Under the Influence, Homicide by Vehicle and Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury without a License, as well as other misdemeanors and related charges. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Kelly Rebar, who set bail at \$100,000, with the additional condition that the defendant not operate a motor vehicle. Gismonde failed to make bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 27, 2017 before Magisterial District Court Judge Walter F. Gadzicki, Jr.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Meghan Carney.

Approved for release:

Edward F. McCann, Jr.
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