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### **Montco DUI Task Force efforts result in the arrest of defendant involved in accident that killed a retired Maryland State Police Trooper**

**Norristown, Pa., (June 18, 2015)** –Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono’s deputies have arrested DUI defendant, John Joseph Monachelli, Jr., 34, who was convicted on charges from a DUI crash that killed a retired Maryland State Trooper. Monachelli committed the offense while fleeing from an outstanding DUI bench warrant issued by the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office.

Monachelli headed to Maryland after being picked up on September 11, 2013 in Pennsylvania for being under the influence of alcohol and Xanax, and with the blood alcohol level of .195. Less than two months later, Monachelli was the front seat passenger of his own Mazda RX8, which crashed into a building and killed Phillip Patrick Nolan, Jr., on the morning of October 25, 2013.

Nolan of Rock Hall, Maryland had served with the Ocean City and Rock Hall, Police Departments and had retired after 22 years with the Maryland State Police in addition to civilian tours in Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia.

Monachelli and the driver, Tyler Deibert, decided to drive Monachelli’s Mazda since it didn’t have the interlock ignition system that monitors alcohol consumption – a feature that was added to Deibert’s vehicle. The drunken pair lost control of the vehicle after hitting a deer, and then plowed into Nolan’s shop where he lay sleeping. Monachelli was convicted of permitting another to drive impaired; making a false statement to police; failure to report the crash to the nearest police; and failure to remain at the scene of an accident involving attended property.

Since Monachelli failed to appear in Montgomery County, Pa. on June 18, 2014 for the September 2013 incident, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Kent County Detention Center knew of the warrant and alerted the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Warrants Division that Monachelli had been released in early June 2015, after serving less than one year for the fatality.

MCSO deputies were sent out early this morning to Monachelli's last known address of 702 Wyoming Ave., Croydon, Pa., where he was arrested. He is being held at the Montgomery County Correctional facility on \$50,000 cash bail.

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