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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT WORKER FATALLY INJURED WHILE WORKING ON RT. 7

Today 08/05/05 at 10:57 a.m. the Connecticut State Police Troop-G received several 911 telephone calls reporting that a DOT worker had been hit by a car on Rt. 7 northbound between exit 2 and 3 in Norwalk.

State Police, Norwalk EMS, and Norwalk Fire all responded to the accident scene. EMS personnel pronounced the DOT worker dead at the scene. Rt. 7 northbound was closed to traffic and all northbound traffic was rerouted off Rt. 7 at exit #2.

State Police Accident Investigators from Troop-G initiated the investigation into this accident. State Police Accident reconstruction specialists and State Police Major Crime Detectives all responded to assist in this accident investigation.

Preliminary information determined by State Police Investigators found that several State of Connecticut DOT employees and equipment were working in the left lane of Route 7 in Norwalk. The left northbound lane was closed to traffic and all northbound traffic was detoured to the right hand northbound lane. The deceased DOT worker was on foot in front of an orange DOT truck. He was placing additional orange cones on the road to extend the left lane closure pattern. A stretch limousine being operated by OLIVER LEE was traveling northbound. The limo driver passed the orange DOT truck and believed that the left lane was now open. The driver then attempted to move into the left lane and in doing so he struck the DOT employee.

The State of Connecticut Dept of Transportation employee has been identified as ROBERT MUGFORD SR. DOB: 5/31/47 a resident of Stratford. He has been employed by the State of Connecticut DOT for 12 years.

The operator of the stretch Limousine is identified as OLIVER LEE DOB: 12/21/46 22 Nelson Ter. Bridgeport, CT. None of the passengers in the limo were injured.

No other injuries were reported from this scene. The road was closed until approximately 4 p.m., which caused significant traffic tie-ups in the area. The accident remains under investigation by State Police.

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