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UPDATE

FATAL Vehicle vs. Motorcycle Accident 8/17/04

On 08/17/04 at 9:00 p.m. State Police Troopers from Troop-H responded to a reported SUV vs. Motorcycle accident on Rt.2 west at the merge with I-84 east in East Hartford. This is the entrance to I-84 and Rt.2 from the founders bridge. This accident resulted in the death of thirteen-year-old Abigail Morales from Hartford who was a passenger on the motorcycle.

Today 03/23/05 after an extensive investigation by State Police Major Crime Detectives, State Police accident reconstruction specialists, and accident investigators two arrests were made in this case.

During this investigation Detectives interviewed numerous witnesses in this case. Accident reconstruction specialists provided scientific evidence that was obtained from the reconstruction of the accident scene. Additionally accident investigators conducted the at scene investigation gathering facts and circumstances as to what transpired at the crash site.

Arrest warrant applications were submitted to GA#12 Manchester for the arrest of both accused. The court issued two warrants.

Taken into custody without incident--

ACCUSED#1: HERNANDEZ, Raquel DOB: 7/06/75

22 Harbison Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Charges: Manslaughter 1st, Reckless Endangerment 1st, Unlawful Restraint 1st, Risk of Injury to Minor, Breach of Peace 2nd, Interfering with Police Officer, Criminal attempt Hindering Prosecution 1st, False Statement 2nd, Evading responsibility, Reckless Driving, Following too closely.

Accused #1 was held on \$1,000,000 court set bond to appear at GA #12 Manchester Superior Court on 03/24/05.

This investigation is continuing. An additional arrest is anticipated

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