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SUBJECT: Motor vehicle investigation PRESS RELEASE DATE: 03/21/2010

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On Sunday, March 21, 2010 at approximately 12:33 a.m., the Waterford Emergency Communications Center received a complaint that an individual, who was believed to be intoxicated, was leaving "Fire & Ice" Café, 372 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT, operating a motor vehicle on the public roadway. Witnesses attempted to stop the individual from driving away from the parking lot.

Waterford Police located the vehicle and individual/operator matching the original description a short distance away traveling on Boston Post Road. Upon conducting a motor vehicle stop, the officer reported the operator who had initially stopped was now driving away from the scene at high rates of speed through a residential area, refusing to obey signals of the officer requiring he stop. The officer was able to maintain a visual of the vehicle operating recklessly for a short distance; shortly thereafter the officer could no longer maintain visual contact with the vehicle due to its manner of operation and apparent speed.

At approximately 12:42 a.m., the Waterford Emergency Communications Center received notification from the neighboring jurisdiction of New London, CT. that a motor vehicle accident was being reported a short distance from the Waterford/ New London town line. Personnel responding to this scene were able to confirm that the vehicle and operator were the same vehicle and subject initially reported as leaving the Café, and having been identified and stopped by Waterford Police several minutes earlier.

As a result of the accident it was reported that the single male occupant was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Waterford Police Department will be providing necessary information to assist in the completion of this investigation.

END OF STATEMENT



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