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UPDATE: Fatal Crash SCP201806113

The State College Police Department concluded the investigation into this crash. The investigation revealed that Nailah Oliver was westbound on the Mt. Nittany Expressway just past Branch Road when she lost control of her car and crossed the grassy median. Nailah Oliver struck a car being driven in the opposite direction by Robert Bloom. Bloom's vehicle was then forced to the right and was struck by a crane truck. Bloom was killed in this crash and his passenger sustained minor injuries. Nailah Oliver's speed was determined to have directly caused her to lose control of her vehicle, cross the median and crash into Robert Bloom.

On this date the State College Police Department charged Nailah Oliver with several vehicle and crimes code offenses, the most serious being: Homicide by Vehicle; Involuntary Manslaughter, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. She was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Thomas Jordan, and she was released on \$25,000 unsecured bail. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2019.

Captain Matthew E. Wilson

Fatal Crash SCP201806113

At approximately 0745hrs on September 12, 2018, State College Police responded to a vehicle crash in the 3500 block of State Route 322, the Mount Nittany Expressway, between the College Avenue and Elmwood Street overpasses.

The initial investigation found that a 19-year-old female from Williamsport was west bound on 322 when she lost control of her Chevrolet Malibu and crossed into oncoming traffic on the east bound lanes. She struck a Ford Focus head-on which was travelling east. The struck vehicle was driven by 47-year-old Robert Bloom of Bellefonte and his 15-year-old son. Mr. Bloom was pronounced dead at the scene. The 15-year-old passenger was transported to Mount Nittany Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The 19-year-old driver went to MNMC with minor injuries. Alcohol/Drugs are not believed to be factors at this time.