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TITLE
Hit and Run Suspected DUI Crash
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On 6/7/19 at approximately 0220hrs, State College Police responded to a hit and run crash at the intersection of East Beaver Ave (SR0026) and Sowers Street. Upon arrival, police found a Borough of State College motorized line painting tractor overturned on the roadway and the male State College Borough employee operator also laying on the roadway. The male was complaining of leg pain. The suspect vehicle had fled the scene. The victim was transported to Mounty Nittany Medical Center by Centre Lifelink EMS and subsequently flown to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Based on information provided by multiple witnesses, the suspect vehicle was stopped by Penn State Police driving on Fox Hollow Road. As a result of that traffic stop the male operator was taken into custody for the accident and suspected driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance (DUI). He was transported to Mount Nittany Medical Centre where a search warrant for his blood sample was executed. He was then transported to the Centre County Booking center for processing where he was processed and released.

The investigation into the crash also revealed that the suspect had driven through the exit gate of the Pugh Street parking garage, braking same, just prior to this crash.

This investigation is ongoing, and charges are pending the results of testing the suspect's blood sample.

The victim is still in Geisinger Medical Center and undergoing treatment for his injuries including multiple broken bones.

We are urging anyone who may have information regarding this incident to contact the State College Police Department at (814) 234-7150, by email or submit an anonymous tip through our website.