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INCIDENT TYPE – MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH-FATALITY @ 3523 Johnson St. UPDATE

HIGH POINT, NC – On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the High Point Police Department Traffic Unit was able to complete its investigation of the traffic fatality that occurred on Sunday, May 2, 2021. The investigation concluded that the driver of the vehicle, **Mr. Raeshaun S Smith (B/M, 32, High Point)** was traveling 82 MPH on Johnson Street after exiting I-74 W and collided with the victim's car, Mr. Gwon Yong Hwan. Mr. Hwan was exiting the parking lot of the Korean American Presbyterian Church of Greater Greensboro, located at 3523 Johnson Street. After colliding with Mr. Hwan's car, Mr. Smith ran from the scene on foot to his residence. He eventually returned to the scene and alerted the officers on the scene that he was the driver of the car.

Mr. Smith was charged with Operating Vehicle with No Insurance, Fail to Wear Seatbelt, Felony Hit & Run causing Serious Injury/Death, Driving Motor Vehicle with No Registration, Misdemeanor Death by Vehicle, and Speeding. When Mr. Smith was contacted by the police, he turned himself in at the police department. He was taken before the magistrate and received a \$50,000 unsecured bond and was released.



Raeshaun Smith (2021 Booking photo)

Case Report Number(s): 2021-13880



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Press Release prepared by Lieutenant Matt Truitt

HIGH POINT, NC – On Sunday, May 02, 2021, at approximately 11:53 P.M., HPPD officers responded to a two-vehicle crash in the 3500 block of Johnson St. in front of the Korean American Presbyterian Church of Greater Greensboro. Officers found that a newer model Chevrolet Camaro had collided with a 2014 Honda Accord that was pulling out onto Johnson St. from the church. The driver and lone occupant of the Honda were critically injured and transported to a local hospital for treatment where they later died from those injuries. Currently, impairment is not suspected of being a factor, however, the HPPD Traffic Unit will be investigating further. The identity of the deceased is being withheld at this time to allow for notifications to be made to their family.

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Press Release prepared by Captain Kevin Ray



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