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INCIDENT TYPE –ARREST UPDATE Fatal Traffic Crash

HIGH POINT, NC – On June 15, 2021 Ronnie Lee Ellerbe Jr. (21) of High Point turned himself in at the Guilford County Magistrate in High Point. On June 14, 2021 High Point Police Traffic Investigators obtained warrants for Ellerbe Jr. for the following charges; Driving while License Revoked, Failure to Wear a Seatbelt, Failure to Maintain a Lane of Travel and Misdemeanor Death by Motor Vehicle. Ellerbe Jr. was given a \$5000.00 unsecured bond. His next court date is July 26, 2021.



Ronnie Lee Ellerbe Jr.

(booking photo 06-15-2021)

Case Report Number: 2021-17131

Prepared by: Lt. Peter Abernethy

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HIGH POINT, NC – On June 8, 2021 Jasmine Monique Dunbar (25) died at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital from injuries she received during this crash. Ms. Dunbar was the front passenger in the 2008 Hyundai Elantra. The driver of the car, Ronnie Lee Ellerbe Jr. (21) was also transported to Wake Forest Baptist Hospital for treatment of his injuries. A 14 year old boy in the back seat of the vehicle was transported to Moses Cone Medical Center in High Point for treatment. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

Mr. Ellerbe Jr. lost control of the vehicle while traveling west on E. Russell Av. near Hines St. The vehicle ran off the left side of the road before striking an embankment and a tree. The vehicle overturned and came to rest upside down on E. Russell Av.

Investigators believe that speeding and failure to wear a seatbelt were factors in the cause and severity of this crash. This is still an active investigation that involves the reconstruction of a traffic crash. Any criminal charges will be determined at the conclusion of the investigation.

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HIGH POINT, NC – At about 11:30 PM High Point Police responded to a serious traffic crash on E. Russell Av. near Hines St. A 2008 Hyundai Elantra sedan was found upside down in the middle of E. Russell Av. One of the passengers, a 26 year old female from High Point, had been ejected and sustained life-threatening injuries. She was taken to Wake Forest Baptist Health in critical condition. The 21 year old male driver from High Point, was seriously injured and taken to Baptist Hospital as well. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening. A 14 year old male passenger was in the back seat and had some minor injuries. He was taken to Moses Cone Medical Center in High Point.

The names of the people involved are being withheld to allow family to be notified first. The High Point Police Department Traffic Unit is investigating the crash. Additional information may be released as the investigation is completed.

High Point Police Department remains diligent and focused on identifying those persons involved in criminal activity in High Point and holding them and their associates responsible for their actions. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers of High Point at 336-889-4000 or to Download the P3 mobile app for IOS or Android.

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