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144. Crash Diagram



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145. Crash Description/Narrative

On 11/20/2021 at 0413 hours I (Patrolman Mesmer #292) was on patrol in the area of Route 88 and Jordan Rd in
marked patrol vehicle #54. At that time I observed a black pick-up truck bearing Wisconsin registration ND9790 up
on the lawn of 2224 Route 88 (For-Shore Weed Control) with its hazard lights on. As I got closer to the vehicle,
I observed that the vehicle had struck the front of the building and had significant damage including front
airbag deployment. I then checked the interior of the truck as well as the surrounding area for the driver with
negative results.

As I began investigating the crash, a "Lyft" Driver saw my patrol vehicle and pulled over to provide me with
information. The Lyft driver (Listed in the witness tab) explained to me that he had picked up a white male from
this exact location approximately 30 minutes in the past. The male was alone at the time of the ride and he had
several bags of belongings. The Lyft driver further advised me that the male appeared to be disheveled and he
explained that it appeared to him that the male may had been in a fight because his face was injured. The Lyft
driver further advised me that he was only able to access the males first name which was Thomas. The Lyft driver
told me that he drove Thomas from the accident scene to the intersection of Route 35 and New York Ave in
Lavallette, NJ. Thomas then got out of the Lyft and walked into the residence of 118 New York Ave in Lavallette.

146. Officer's Signature Scott Edward Mesmer	147. Badge # 292	148. Reviewer Brian D Ulman	Badge # 215	149. Case Status ☐ Pending ☒ Complete
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NJ. I gathered all of the Lyft Driver's contact information and it is added into the witness tab.

I then opened the driver's side door of the pick-up truck in an effort to find the necessary documents needed for the report in the glove box. Inside of the vehicle I did not locate any of the necessary documents, however I did find several documents indicating that it was a Hertz Rental Car. Also inside of the vehicle I found several paperwork items with the name "Thomas Formisano" on them. One of the documents I found was a TD Bank paper with the same name on it and it also included a Social Security number of 137-88-8993. A check of New Jersey DMV database found a Thomas Formisano with that information residing at 118 New York Ave Lavallette, NJ, which was where the Lyft driver stated that he dropped the male off.

Based on the car being a Hertz Rental Car, I then contacted the Hertz Rental Law Enforcement phone number and spoke with a representative. The Hertz representative was able to confirm that the truck had in fact been rented by Thomas Formisano and provided me with his New Jersey driver's license number of F66177407909892. I then had Lavallette Police Department attempt to make contact at the residence but they stated that no one answered the door.

Crash investigation revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling north on Jordan Rd and continued straight through the intersection with Route 88. Vehicle 1 then struck a curb on the north side of Route 88 and continued through the yard. Vehicle 1 ultimately continued through the yard until it struck the building at 2224 Route 88. It is unknown if Vehicle 1 had a green signal at the time of the crash. Vehicle 1 had disabling damage, front airbag deployment, and a spider web cracking on the interior of the windshield in front of the driver's seat. The driver of Vehicle 1 then abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene. Vehicle 1 had to be towed from the scene.

Vehicle 1 caused extensive damage to the front right corner of the building and also took out the New Jersey Natural Gas Meter. Brick Township Building Department responded to the scene and deemed the building to be uninhabitable. All utilities were shut off to the building by the different utility companies.

Based on the information provided by the Lyft driver, the documents found inside of the truck, and the information provided by the Hertz representative it is believed that Thomas Formisano was in fact the driver of Vehicle 1 at the time of the crash. Driver of Vehicle 1 was issued the following citations:

E21-7377 for leaving the scene of accident, 39:4-129b

E21-7378 for failure to report an accident, 39:4-130

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E21-7379 for reckless driving, 39:4-96

E21-7380 for uninsured motorist, 39:6B-2

E21-7381 for failure to provide drivers license, 39:3-29a

E21-7382 for failure to provide insurance card, 39:3-29b

At the time of this report I have made several attempts to contact Thomas Formisano with no success. The citations were certified mailed to 118 New York Ave Lavallette, NJ.

*Insurance information not provided. Hertz Rental stated it was self insured by Formisano but they did not have proof of insurance.

Several photographs of the scene were taken on a department issued camera. The photos were then burned onto a disc and submitted into property.

My body worn camera was activated for this incident.

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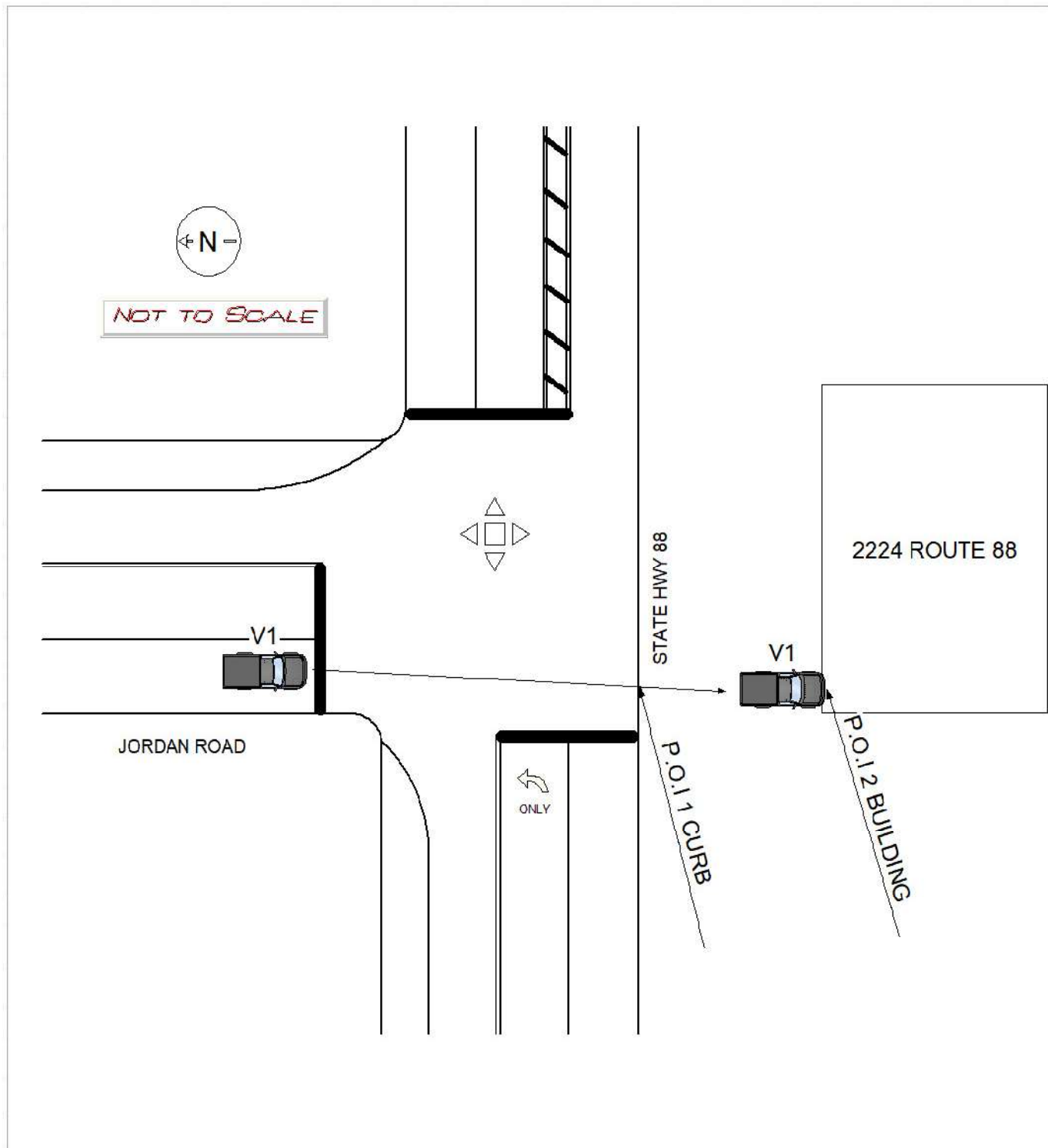
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