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145. Crash Description/Narrative

Investigation revealed V2 was marked Brick Police vehicle #34. V2 was on Route 70 east in the left lane prior to Jack Martin Blvd. V2 was responding with lights and sirens activated to an assault call at 1600 Rt 70(Case # 47767-18). V1 was on Jack Martin Blvd north in the center lane traveling straight across the intersection with RT 70. V1 had a green light and proceeded to move straight forward into the right lane of RT 70 when it stopped due to the following:

Marked Brick Police vehicle #09 (Dodge Charger) was being operated by Ptl. Person #262, marked Brick Police vehicle # 36 (Ford Explorer) was being operated by Ptl. Firreno #283, and marked Brick Police vehicle # 31 (Ford Explorer) was being operated by Ptl. Geskey #184 . All officers were also on RT 70 east responding to the same assault call as the operator of V2. Ptl. Person's vehicle was in front of V2 and Ptl. Firreno's vehicle was behind V2. Ptl. Geskey was driving behind Ptl. Firreno.

Ptl. Person was on RT 70 east approximately 1000 feet in front of V2. Ptl. Person stated that he came to the intersection with Jack Martin Blvd. and he came to a complete stop for a red traffic signal. Ptl. Person continued to state that he changed the tones on his sirens several times to ensure the operators of the other

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vehicles observed him. Ptl. Person stated that it appeared the operator of V1 was still moving and finally came to a stop with the front of his vehicle in the right lane of RT 70 east. Ptl. Person proceeded through the intersection. Ptl. Person traveled through the intersection, and he stated the traffic signal for RT 70 turned green as he cleared the intersection.

V2 approached the intersection and just prior to getting to the intersection, the traffic signal for RT 70 turned green, according to witness statements and the driver of V2's statement. V2 proceeded straight through the intersection. V1 began to move straight forward through the intersection and into the path of V2. V1 was struck in the driver's side by V2. The impact caused V1 to rotate into the left lane of RT 70 west.

The driver of V1 stated that he was on Jack Martin Blvd. traveling straight across RT 70. The driver of V1 stated that he had a green traffic signal and proceeded to drive straight ahead. The driver of V1 stopped for the first marked Brick Police vehicle with its lights and sirens activated when he observed it. The driver of V1 stated that after the first patrol vehicle passed, his traffic signal was still green. The driver of V1 began to move again and was struck by V2. The driver of V1 stated that he did not see V2 coming.

The driver of V2 stated he was on RT 70 east in the left lane responding to an emergency with his overhead emergency lights and sirens activated. The driver of V2 was behind another marked Brick Police vehicle with its lights and sirens activated. The driver of V2 stated he approached the intersection with Jack Martin Blvd. and he observed a red traffic signal ahead. The driver of V2 stated that the patrol vehicle in front of him stopped for the red traffic signal, and waited for traffic to stop. The first patrol vehicle entered the intersection and began to proceed straight on RT 70 east. The driver of V2 stated he was braking as he got closer to the intersection, because the traffic signal was red. The driver of V2 stated as he approached the intersection, his traffic signal turned green. The driver of V2 continued traveling straight ahead on RT 70 east and when he was in the intersection, he observed V1 cross in front him. The driver of V2 stated he attempted to avoid the collision, but he was not able to.

Both driver's had a complaint of pain. Hatzolah EMS of Lakewood transported the driver of V1 to Ocean Medical Center. Toms River EMS transported the driver of V2 to Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

According to a witness statement from the driver of the vehicle directly behind V1(Witness 1), he was stopped on Jack Martin Blvd north for a red traffic signal directly behind V1. He observed three Brick Police vehicles on RT 70 east with lights and sirens activated. He stated the traffic signal turned green for his side. V1

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moved forward. Witness 1 stated that he never moved his vehicle, because he observed three police vehicles and he knew he had to wait for the patrol vehicles to clear the intersection before he could go. He stated the first patrol vehicle made it through the intersection after all the traffic had stopped. He stated the crash happened when the second patrol car was going through the intersection. The Witness 1 stated he stopped looking at his traffic light and he was not sure at what point the traffic signal changed again. He stated that the other traffic besides V1 remained stopped for the approaching police vehicles.

According to a witness statement from the front seat passenger in the vehicle directly behind V1 (Witness 2), V1 was on Jack Martin Blvd in the center lane going straight across Rt 70. V1 had a green light and moved forward. V1 then stopped for the first police vehicle traveling through the intersection. Witness 2 indicated that the traffic light for V1 on Jack Martin Blvd. turned red as the first patrol car went through the intersection. V2 entered the intersection on a green signal. Witness 2 indicated that it appeared the driver of V1 observed the second police vehicle, but tried to get through the intersection before V2 went through. The witness indicated the lights and sirens were activated on all three police vehicles, and the witness observed all of them coming.

Ptl. Geskey, Ptl. Person and Ptl. Firreno provided written witness statements.

I checked with the Wendy's Restaurant located at 101 Jack Martin Blvd. They have video cameras that captured the crash. The camera is inside the restaurant facing the intersection. There is a glare on window. The traffic signal colors are not visible in the video.

Based on the driver's statements and statements from the witnesses, I determined V1 to be at fault for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. The driver of V1 observed and yielded to the first Police vehicle, but did not yield to the second Police vehicle. The crash occurred due to the fact that the driver of V1 did not notice the second Police vehicle and failed to yield the right of way to it. The front passenger windows of V1 appeared to have aftermarket tint on them, which could have also been a contributing factor by obstructing the driver's view.

As a result of this investigation the driver of V1 was issued a Summons for Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle 39:4-91. The Summons number was T-159281.

Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. V1 was towed by Glen's Towing and V2 was towed by D & L

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Towing.

Insurance information for V2

Self Insured ID 05-87

Perma, INC.

9 Campus Drive, Suite 216

Parsippany, NJ 07054

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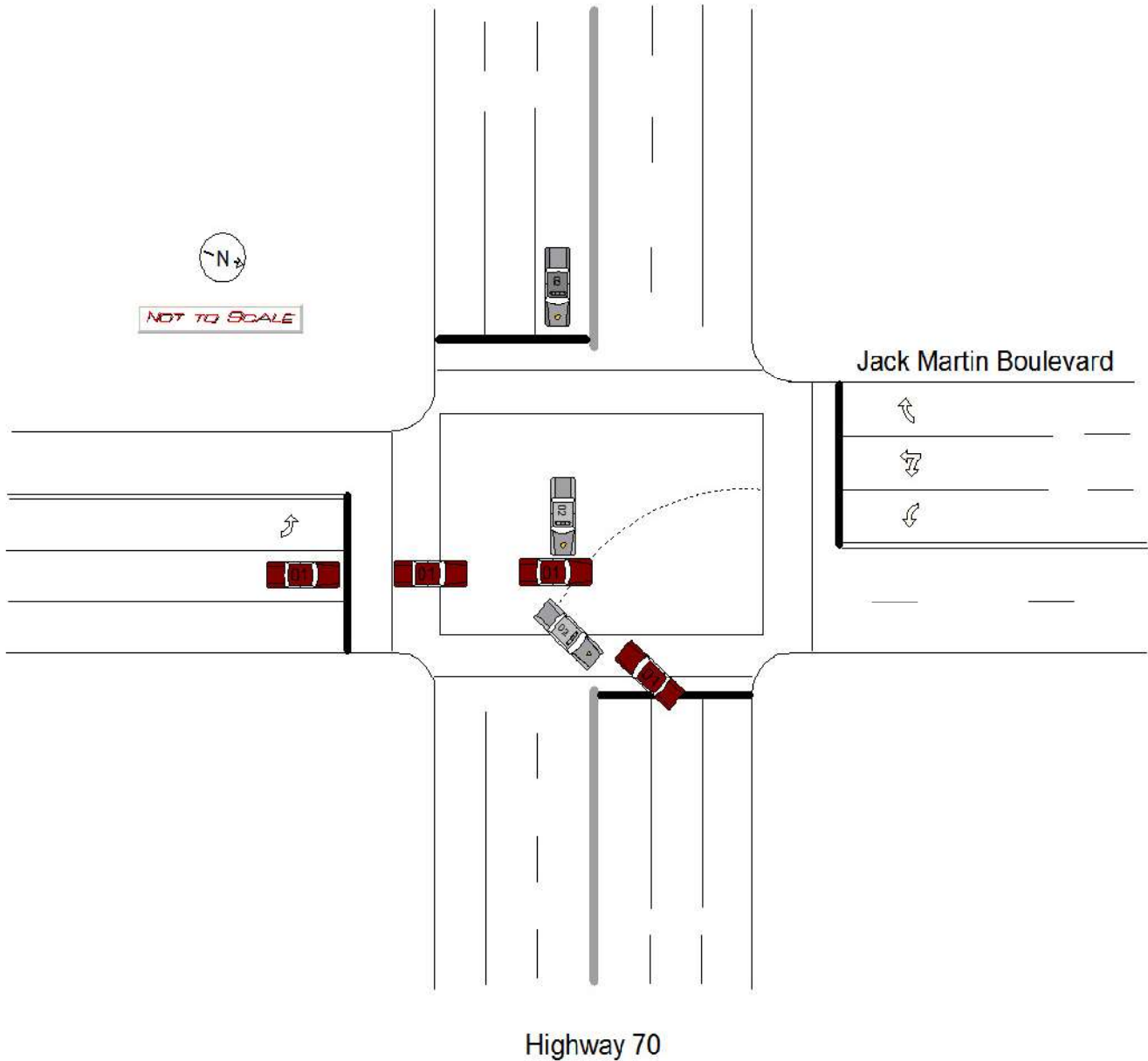
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Officer's Signature

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