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Dump Truck Driver Indicted in Fatal Lawrence Township Crash

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a single-count indictment last week charging a dump truck driver with recklessly causing the death of 59-year-old James McLean in July 2014, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Daniel C. Everett (DOB 1.11.76) of Lancaster Drive, Westhampton, NJ, was indicted on one count of second-degree death by auto. If convicted, he could face a maximum sentence of 10 years in state prison. Everett is free on \$100,000 bail.

Everett was travelling northbound on Brunswick Pike at approximately 3:08 p.m. on July 17, 2014, when the dump truck he was driving struck a silver Nissan Altima in the rear at the intersection of Lake Drive. The dump truck pushed the vehicle into Colonial Lake and submerged it, causing the death of the driver, 59-year-old James McLean of Trenton. According to witness reports, Everett was driving erratically and travelling at a high rate of speed when he hit the Altima, which was stopped at a red light.

Special services teams, emergency medical workers and hazmat crews from Lawrence, Princeton and Trenton worked for hours to free both vehicles from the lake, which is approximately four to five feet deep. McLean was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no passengers in either vehicle.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Lawrence Township Police Department and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Serious Collision Response Team. Assistant Prosecutor Skylar Weissman presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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