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Dump Truck Driver Charged in Fatal Crash in Lawrence Township

LAWRENCE – A fatal accident in Lawrence Township Thursday afternoon has resulted in criminal charges. Daniel C. Everett (DOB 1.11.76) of Lancaster Drive, Westhampton, NJ, is charged with one count of second-degree death by auto. He was additionally issued five motor vehicle citations.

Everett was travelling northbound on Brunswick Pike at approximately 3:08 p.m. on July 17 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.

Everett was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he remains under guard. Bail for Everett was set at $250,000 cash or bond by Mercer County Superior Court Judge Peter Warshaw. His first scheduled appearance in Lawrence Township Municipal Court is July 22.

The accident remains under investigation by the Lawrence Township Police Department and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Serious Collision Response Team.

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

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