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Woman Killed when Vehicle Goes into Delaware River in Burlington City

The Burlington County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Burlington Police Department are investigating the death of a Burlington City woman who was killed this afternoon when the car in which she was riding ended up in the Delaware River.

Burlington City police were called to the river near Wood Street just before 1 p.m. for a report of a car in the water. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the front end of the car had broken through the ice. The driver had fled the area, but the female passenger was still in the front seat and had become submerged in the water.

The Burlington City Fire Department, Burlington Township Fire Department, Endeavor Emergency Squad and Croydon (Pa.) Fire Company responded to the scene and extricated the passenger. She was transported to Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County in Willingboro, where she was pronounced dead.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the driver was traveling at a high rate of speed along Riverbank Road when his vehicle struck a parked minivan before vaulting over the river wall and into the water.

The driver, a Burlington City man, left the scene and was later picked up by police officers from Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township. He was taken to Lourdes for a medical evaluation.

The investigation is ongoing. The names of the driver and the deceased passenger are being withheld at this time. No charges have been filed at this point.

No further information is expected this evening.

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