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Grand Jury Indicts Mt. Laurel Woman on Homicide Charge for 2017 Crash that Killed Husband

MOUNT HOLLY - Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that a Mount Laurel woman has been indicted for causing the death of her husband in late 2017 after the car she was driving left the roadway, struck a utility pole and overturned in a wooded area in Delran.

Tameka Lawson, 38, was indicted on one count of Vehicular Homicide (First Degree). The indictment was returned on February 19 and signed by First Assistant Prosecutor Philip S. Aronow. An arraignment will be scheduled soon in Superior Court in Mount Holly.

The investigation revealed that Lawson was driving along Hartford Road on November 12, 2017, with her husband, 38-year-old Jamar Rentie, as a front-seat passenger. At approximately 11:15 p.m., the car veered from the roadway, went airborne, and struck a utility pole.

Both occupants were extricated by the Delran Fire Department. Rentie was pronounced dead at the scene. Lawson was transported by the Delran Emergency Squad to Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County in Willingboro, where she was released after an evaluation.

The criminal charge against Lawson was filed after the Prosecutor's Office received the results of toxicology tests conducted on blood that was drawn from her following the crash.

The case was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant Prosecutor Thaddeus E. Drummond, who oversees the BCPO Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit.

The death was investigated by the Prosecutor's Office and the Delran Township Police Department. The lead investigators were BCPO Major Crimes Unit Detective Brian Miller and Delran Township Police Detective Dennis M. Rooney.

An indictment is an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.

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