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Woman Charged in 2018 Willingboro Fatal Hit-and-Run on Route 130

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Willingboro Public Safety Director Kinamo Lomon announced that a 35-year-old Willingboro Township woman was charged yesterday in connection with the death of a man she struck while driving on Route 130 late last year.

Nekeya Grady, of the first block of Meadowlark Lane, did not stop after the collision or report the incident to police. She was charged with Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Accident (Second Degree) and Causing Death While Driving Unlicensed (Third Degree).

Grady was placed in the Burlington County Jail pending a detention hearing next week in Superior Court. The case will then be presented to a Burlington County Grand Jury for possible indictment.

The investigation began on the evening of November 7 when Willingboro Township Police Department patrol units were dispatched to Route 130 North and Charleston Road for a report of a pedestrian motor vehicle accident.

Upon arrival, officers located the victim, Harold C. Martin, lying in the shoulder of Route 130 North in front of the Citgo Gas Station. Mr. Martin, 52, a Willingboro resident, was airlifted to Capital Health Medical Center in Trenton. He died January 20 at a care facility in Voorhees.

Investigators used surveillance footage and broken pieces of a headlight assembly found at the scene to determine it was a Kia Amanti that struck Mr. Martin, then traced the vehicle to the defendant.

Grady told investigators she thought she hit a deer.

She will be prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Joshua Dennis, supervisor of the BCPO Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit.

The investigation was conducted by the Willingboro Township Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. The lead investigators are Willingboro Township Police Detective Jason Galiazzi and BCPO Detective Mike Reagan.

All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.