

## East St. Paul Police Incident Narrative

Complainant:		Incident Number:	2005-00568
Member:	Constable Patrol Pedersen #036		

**NOTES:**

2005-02-25 07:15 hours

ESPPD received a call advising of a MVC with a vehicle that appeared to be split in half located at Henderson Hwy. at PTH 101 at the traffic lights. writer enroute in RM3 to location.

07:20 hours

Writer found no MVC at location specified, but was advised of same at the traffic congestion on PTH59 at PTH 101 at the traffic lights and arrived at same. Cst. Graham requested writer attend to south bound lanes of PTH59 near Weigh Scales and re-route traffic to west onto PTH 101. Writer conducted traffic control at this location.

08:28 hours

Chief Bakema requested Writer attend to Concordia Hospital to check on condition of two persons taken there by Ambulance.

08:48 hours

Writer at Concordia Hospital and advised that a female identified as Crystal TAMAN was deceased on arrival, and Kathleen BEATTIE had very minor injuries. Writer spoke with TAMAN's family members present at the hospital, Husband Rob TAMAN, Daughters Tara and Kristin TAMAN, Son Jordan TAMAN, Father-in-Law Jack TAMAN, Brother-in-law Randy TAMAN, and Sister Cory ENCONTRE, but did not have any details of the incident to advise them of at this time, but Police would inform them of such once the investigation was completed. They requested ESPPD NOT release name of deceased at this time. The family was very distraught and inquired what actions police would take on the person responsible for this M fatal MVC, and Writer advised that once Police complete the investigation, if any charges would be required to be laid, then Police would do so, and ESPPD would not release any names to the Media, as per their request at this time. Writer offered VSU Service to family and they advised they would welcome same for information.

As Writer had been speaking with the family members of TAMAN, Kathleen BEATTIE had been released from hospital with no injuries, complaining only of minor headache. Concordia Hospital contacted ME's Office at this time. Writer cleared from Hospital at 09:43 hours.

10:00 hours

Writer returned to traffic control assistance at same location as previously to relieve RCMP Headingly Traffic Services Unit.

10:40 hours

John IRVING of Dept. of Highways Traffic Engineering left business card with Writer and requested Police provide report to their office once completed. Same information provided to Chief Bakema.

12:40 hours

Writer cleared traffic scene on PTH 59 to return to Station.

13:25 hours

Writer fingerprinted and photographed Accused as per Sgt. Carter's request.

14:37 hours

Writer and VSU Volunteer Justin HALL attend to family residence to speak with Rob TAMAN and his children and provide some information on Grief counselling from VSU. The family requested Crystal's cell

phone be returned to them once retrieved, as it had numbers of other family members they need to contact.

Writer advised Police would try to locate same for them. Depart residence at 15:15 hours.

15:40 hours

Writer contacted Medical Examiner Lesley LEE, and provided information to contact deceased's family. They will be conducting an autopsy on Monday 2005-02-28, and she requested a copy of Police findings when completed (Fax: 945-2442, Office #: 945-5774).

2005-02-26 17:00 hours

Writer called Husband of Deceased Rob TAMAN and advised that charges are going to be laid in this incident, but have not been completed yet, and once the Information is done he will be advised of what the charges are. Police had not been able to locate Crystal's cell phone yet.

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2005-02-28 16:40 hours

JORDAN TAMAN, Son of Deceased Crystal TAMAN, called and requested the name of the Accused for the family Lawyer to pursue the MPIC report, and a Lawsuit. Writer advised that until the individual in question was officially charged by the laying of an Information, no name or any other information would be released by ESPPD, as the investigation was on-going. He advised he had heard through friends that it was an off-duty WPS member that was responsible for the collision, and he asked if that officer had been relieved of his police officer duties yet. Writer advised she had no knowledge of who the person responsible was, or what he did as an occupation, if this was the case as to the rumors, his employer would be the one knowing that. Writer stressed again that ESPPD have not released any such information to the media or any one else at this time, and could not confirm any of this, but would be calling the family first before releasing a second news release to the Media. He asked if the person responsible had actually been arrested, and writer confirmed that this had taken place, and that charges would be laid, but she could not confirm what charges yet, as the Information had not been processed yet. Writer advised we would advise the family forthwith about the charges once they are completed.

Jordan also inquired about what could be done to prevent the Media from attending the funeral services on Wednesday 2005-03-02 at 2 PM at Cropo Funeral Home on Main Street. Writer advised it would probably be more than likely that the Media would not attend this service, but they could request WPS to provide some monitoring at that time if they wished. Writer also advised that Doreen from VSU, Chief Bakema or Sgt. Carter could follow up with the family over the next few weeks, as writer would be away during that time, if they had questions. Jordan requested he be the contact person for the family rather than his father ROB TAMAN, as the Media has been contacting them often today, and they are limiting contact.

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