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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Homicide Investigation

August 13, 2022

On Saturday, August 13, 2022, at approximately 6:15 PM, Pennsylvania State Police Bloomsburg received a call to assist Berwick Police Department with a vehicle that drove through a crowd at a community event on West 2nd Street, Berwick Borough, Columbia County. Troopers and Officers arrived and discovered numerous injuries along with 1 fatality.

Shortly thereafter, Pennsylvania State Police Shickshinny received a call that in Nescopeck Borough, Luzerne County, a Male was physically assaulting a Female. Upon Troopers arrival, they discovered a Female deceased, and a Male who was detained by a Municipal Police Department.

The Male, who is the Suspect in both incidents, is in custody at PSP Shickshinny, awaiting criminal charges.

At this time, there is 1 confirmed fatality from the Berwick Crash along with 17 people injured. Twelve (12) injured were transported to Geisinger Danville, three (3) were transported to Geisinger Wyoming Valley, one (1) to Berwick Hospital and one (1) to Geisinger Bloomsburg to be treated for injuries sustained in the crash. In Nescopeck, there is 1 confirmed fatality.

These Investigations are very active. The Columbia County District Attorney's Office along with the Troop N Major Case Team are investigating the Homicide Incident in Berwick, Columbia County.

The Luzerne County District Attorney's Office along with the Troop P Major Case Team are investigating the Homicide that occurred in Nescopeck Borough, Luzerne County.

An updated News Release will disseminated at a later time, to include the Suspect's identity.

If anyone has any video surveillance / still photos of either incident, contact PSP Bloomsburg at 570-387-4261 or PSP Shickshinny at 570-542-4117.

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