

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT**

1. STATION

PSP Ridgway

2. INCIDENT NO.

PA21-564536

3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Tpr. Richard MAXIM

4. NATURE OF INCIDENT

VIN Alteration

5. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT

2012 to Present

6. LOCATION

Private property on Mefferts Run Rd., Jones Township, Elk County

7. PERSON(S) INVOLVED

Accused: Benjamin A. CUMMINGS, W/N/M-39 , Johnsonburg, PA

8. INCIDENT DETAILS

This crime occurred when the accused removed the vehicle identification number tag from one vehicle and placed it on another. The actor then sold this vehicle to another individual. Through the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the vehicle containing the altered vehicle identification number, was presumably reported stolen in 2012. Five (5) felony criminal charges of Alteration or Destruction of Vehicle Identification Number, Disposition of Vehicle or Vehicle Part with Altered Vehicle Identification Number, Operating or Conducting a Chop Shop and Receiving Stolen Property were filed against Cummings through MDJ 59-3-02.



**Pennsylvania Law Enforcement  
Crash - Public Information Release Report**

**Crash Involves:**

DUI     Fatality     Hit and Run     Commercial Vehicle     State Police Vehicle     Local Police Vehicle  
 Other     Work Zone     ATV     Snowmobile     Commonwealth Vehicle     Local Gov Vehicle

**Agency Information:**

AGENCY PA STATE POLICE - RIDGWAY	INVESTIGATOR PETERS, DENNIS
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**Summary Information:**

CAD/CASE NUMBER PA 2021-1228006	CRASH DATE 09/07/2021	CRASH TIME 10:59 hrs.
COUNTY ELK	MUNICIPALITY JONES TWP	
ROUTE # 0219	SEGMENT #	STREET WILCOX
		STREET ENDING ROAD
LOCATION 3634 WILCOX RD		

**People Involved:**

UNIT # 001	PERSON DRIVER	FIRST NAME DAVID	MI M	LAST NAME WAHLBERG	SUFFIX	AGE 73	Gender M
CITY KANE				STATE PA	SAFETY EQUIPMENT LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED		
EMS TRANSPORT NOT TRANSPORTED		INJURY SEVERITY NOT INJURED					
EMS AGENCY			MEDICAL FACILITY NONE				

UNIT # 002	PERSON DRIVER	FIRST NAME OLEG	MI S	LAST NAME VOLKOV	SUFFIX	AGE 51	Gender M
CITY HOWARD BEACH				STATE NY	SAFETY EQUIPMENT LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED		
EMS TRANSPORT NOT TRANSPORTED		INJURY SEVERITY NOT INJURED					
EMS AGENCY			MEDICAL FACILITY NONE				

**Vehicles Involved:**

UNIT # 001	YEAR 2007	VEHICLE MAKE WESTERN STAR	MODEL 4900SB
DRIVER CHARGED? Y	PRIMARY VIOLATION 3310A FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY		
UNIT # 002	YEAR 2021	VEHICLE MAKE KENWORTH	MODEL TRACTOR
DRIVER CHARGED?	PRIMARY VIOLATION		

**Crash Synopsis:**

The location of this crash is on SR 219 at 3634 Wilcox Rd., Jones Township, Elk County, PA.

This crash occurred as unit 2 slowed to a stop due to traffic in front of it. The operator of unit 1 failed to notice unit 2 slowing/stopping and impacted the rear of unit 2's trailer.

**The impact caused disabling damage to the front of unit 1 and minor damage to the rear of unit 2's trailer.**

**All occupants were reported to be wearing seat belts at the time of this crash.**

**There were no injuries associated with this crash.**

**Unit 1 was towed from the scene by private tow.**

**The operator of unit 1 was cited as result of this crash.**



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**Agency Information:**

AGENCY <b>PA STATE POLICE - RIDGWAY</b>	INVESTIGATOR <b>WILSON, JEFFREY</b>
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**Summary Information:**

CAD/CASE NUMBER <b>PA 2021-1192508</b>	CRASH DATE <b>09/03/2021</b>	CRASH TIME <b>01:24 hrs.</b>
COUNTY <b>ELK</b>	MUNICIPALITY <b>JONES TWP</b>	
ROUTE # <b>0000</b>	SEGMENT #	STREET <b>HIGHLAND</b>
		STREET ENDING <b>ROAD</b>
LOCATION <b>HIGHLAND RD MEASURING 107 FEET SOUTH OF HIGHLAND RD</b>		

**People Involved:**

UNIT # <b>001</b>	PERSON <b>DRIVER</b>	FIRST NAME <b>MARK</b>	MI <b>L</b>	LAST NAME <b>CHITTESTER</b>	SUFFIX	AGE <b>28</b>	Gender <b>M</b>
CITY <b>KANE</b>				STATE <b>PA</b>	SAFETY EQUIPMENT <b>LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED</b>		
EMS TRANSPORT <b>NOT TRANSPORTED</b>		INJURY SEVERITY <b>NOT INJURED</b>					
EMS AGENCY			MEDICAL FACILITY <b>NONE</b>				

**Vehicles Involved:**

UNIT # <b>001</b>	YEAR <b>2011</b>	VEHICLE MAKE <b>SUBARU</b>	MODEL <b>IMPREZA</b>
DRIVER CHARGED? <b>Y</b>	PRIMARY VIOLATION <b>3361 DRIVING VEHICLE AT SAFE SPEED</b>		

**Crash Synopsis:**

**This crash occurred at 4558 Highland Rd, Jones Twp, Elk County PA. Unit 1 was traveling north when he left the eastern side of the roadway and traveling approximately 40 feet before colliding with a ditch. The vehicle subsequently rolled over onto its roof before coming to final rest. No injuries were sustained as a result of this crash.**