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Chief of Police Kenneth J Shultz

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### **INCIDENT TYPE – TRAFFIC CRASH WITH FATALITY**

HIGH POINT, NC – On Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at approximately 3:00 pm officers responded to the report of a traffic crash involving a Guilford County School Bus at the intersection of Meredith St and Oneka Av. As police and fire arrived on scene they located a dark gray 2015 Chrysler 200 and school bus number 1331 in the front yard of Oneka Ave.

There was one juvenile student on the bus at the time of the crash who was not injured. The driver of the bus sustained non-life-threatening injuries as a result of the crash. Both occupants of the Chrysler were transported to area hospitals to be treated for life-threatening injuries.

The High Point Police Department Traffic Unit is currently investigating this traffic accident which is standard protocol for any accident that results in serious injury or death. The preliminary investigation indicates that the driver of the Chrysler ran the stop sign and traveled into the path of the school bus and as a result, the bus impacted the right passenger side door. After the initial impact, the bus and car ran off the right side of the road and crashed into the house at 1601 Oneka Av which was unoccupied at the time. The driver of the Chrysler was identified as **Richard Wall B/M 29 of High Point** was ejected from the vehicle on impact. Wall was transported to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro for his injuries. The female passenger of the Chrysler was removed from the vehicle by medical personnel and transported to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem. At approximately 7:00 pm investigators were notified by hospital personnel that **Shena J Montgomery B/F 29 of Clarkton, NC** had died as a result of injuries received during the crash.

Investigators have determined that Wall was operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash. Investigators also located Marijuana and open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle. Wall is currently facing charges of Driving While Impaired, Failure to Yield the Right of Way, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt, Driving While License Revoked, Possession



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of an Open Container of Alcohol, and Possession of Marijuana, additional charges may follow after case review by the district attorney's office.

The passenger of the vehicle **Shena J Montgomery B/F 29 of Clarkton, NC** is the 2nd person to die as the result of a traffic crash in the City of High Point in 2019.

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