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## **INCIDENT TYPE – TRAFFIC FATALITY (UPDATE FROM 12-18-2017)**

HIGH POINT, NC – On Saturday, December 16, 2017, at approximately 9:18 pm officers from the High Point Police Department responded to a single-vehicle crash in the 1600 block of Whites Mill Road in between Braddock Road and Deerfield Street. As a result of the crash the left rear passenger, Jacob Goeke (17) was transported to Moses Cone Hospital and later died from injuries received during the crash. The driver of the vehicle, **Dwight Gray Jr (19)**, was transported to Moses Cone Hospital, treated, released, and charged with Driving While Consuming Under the Age of 21 by citation.

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Traffic fatality in High Point for 2017.



Gray (Photo date: 4-17-17)

Upon arrival on scene responding officers discovered that a 2003 BMW 325i sedan with four occupants had left the roadway and crashed into a tree. The driver of the vehicle, Dwight Gray Jr (19), was transported to Moses Cone Hospital where he was treated and released. The front right passenger, **Ashley Hyde (17)**, was transported to Baptist Hospital for minor injuries. The right rear passenger, **Sami Faydi (16)**, was transported to Moses Cone Hospital and remains in critical condition with life-threatening injuries. The left rear passenger, Jacob Goeke (17) was transported to Moses Cone Hospital and later pronounced dead from injuries received during the crash.

The High Point Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation (which is ongoing at this time). Preliminary details indicate that the driver left the roadway before overcorrecting and running off the road and striking a tree. Investigators also



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stated that speed (the speed limit for that section of roadway is 40mph) and alcohol use were contributing factors to the crash. At the conclusion of the investigation and crash reconstruction, investigators will determine if other charges are appropriate.

UPDATE: The right rear passenger, **Sami Faydi (16)** has died from injuries received during the traffic crash on Saturday, December 16, 2017. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> fatality from a traffic accident in High Point this year.

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