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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Motorists Struck and Injured by Falling Tree – Updated Information**

This release is being distributed to provide updated information regarding the incident from Ford Avenue on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This information is current as of 3:00pm on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

As a result of the investigation, the following information can be released. On June 18<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:00pm, a 2008 Nissan Sentra was traveling south on Ford Avenue towards Franklin Street during a severe thunder storm. As the vehicle approached Franklin Street, a large tree fell into the roadway, striking the vehicle and crushing the roof. A passing motorist observed the damaged car and called 911.

Morristown Police arrived on the scene and determined that there were two occupants inside the crushed vehicle. Those occupants were identified as 57 year-old Tanya Blaine of Roselle who was in the driver's seat and 46 year-old Nikisha Turner of Morristown who was in the front passenger seat. Emergency crews responded from the Morristown Fire Department and Atlantic Emergency Medical Services and began the process of extricating the occupants. Additional assistance was provided by C&L Towing and Morristown Autobody as heavy rescue equipment was utilized. Upon being extricated from the vehicle, both occupants were transported to the Emergency Department at Morristown Medical Center where they were subsequently admitted into the Intensive Care Unit with traumatic injuries.

As of this time, Tanya Blaine remains in critical condition with serious traumatic injuries that are considered life threatening. Nikisha Turner remains in the Intensive Care Unit however her status has been upgraded to critical but stable.

