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Date of Incident: February 26, 2016

Incident Case #: 15-57346

Summary:

On December 13, 2015 at 0035 hours, Bristol Officers responded to a two-vehicle fatality on Middle Street in the area of Pinebrook Terrace. Two children were killed in the collision and four adults were seriously injured. The children killed were Meriden residents, Veronica Martinez, age seven, and Yvette Martinez, age four.

The Bristol Police Traffic Division has completed its investigation into the crash.

The investigation determined that Michael Luponio, age 26 of Southington had been northbound on Middle Street and crossed over the centerline striking a second vehicle heading southbound. The operator of the second vehicle was Kayla Torres, age 31 of Meriden (mother of the children killed).

In addition, the investigation determined that Luponio was legally intoxicated, driving at an excessive speed, and did not have motor vehicle insurance. At the time of the crash, his blood alcohol level was .24%.

On February 26, 2016, at 1030 hours, Michael Luponio was arrested by warrant for the crash. The arrest information and charges are listed below:

Michael S. Luponio

551 Main St

Southington CT

- Manslaughter 2nd Degree with a motor vehicle (2 counts)
- Assault 2nd Degree with a motor vehicle (3 counts)
- Operating under the influence of alcohol
- Reckless driving
- No insurance

Luponio was held on a \$500,000 surety bond and will be arraigned in Bristol Superior Court 17 on February 26, 2016.

Prepared by:

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