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Man Wanted for Charges from Multi-Vehicle Crash on Route 22 in Custody

CHURCHILL BOROUGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY – On November 17, 2017, at approximately 1:20 p.m., the Churchill Borough Police and paramedics were dispatched to the intersection of business Route 22 and Rodi Road in response to 9-1-1 calls about a crash involving multiple vehicles. There they found a collision involving ten vehicles. They requested the investigative assistance of the Allegheny County Police collision reconstruction unit.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that a tanker truck carrying lime was travelling outbound on 376 East (Parkway East outbound) when it exited onto business Route 22 and collided with nine vehicles stopped at the intersection of business Route 22 and Rodi Road. From those nine vehicles, nine people were transported to local area hospitals. Of those patients, one was listed in serious condition, the remainder were treated for various injuries; none with life threatening injuries.

The investigation revealed the cause of the collision being mechanical failures of the tanker truck. At the conclusion of the investigation, the District Attorney's Office was consulted and advised on the appropriate charges. The driver of the tanker truck, 55-year-old Paul Martin Taylor of Randolph, West Virginia has been charged with multiple criminal violations and an arrest warrant has been obtained for him. Taylor has been charged with recklessly endangering another person, aggravated assault by vehicle, causing or risking a catastrophe, reckless driving, and unlawful activities.

Today, December 22, Taylor was arrested at 1:50 PM at a family home in Elkins, WV. He was taken into custody without incident by deputies from the Randolph County Sheriff's Office and West Virginia State Police. Taylor was taken to the Tygart Valley Regional Jail where he will await a hearing for extradition back to Allegheny County.

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