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Press Release

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH

On Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at approximately 11:00 PM, the Mount Prospect Police Department responded to the area of Euclid Avenue and Hemlock Lane, Mount Prospect for a reported traffic crash involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

The preliminary investigation revealed a male pedestrian, William H. Spears Jr., 78 years old of Prospect Heights, was walking southbound across the lanes of traffic on Euclid Avenue near Hemlock Lane. The occupants of a Ford Escape travelling westbound on Euclid Avenue observed Spears crossing the roadway using a walker. The driver of the Ford Escape turned around and stopped in the eastbound left hand turn lane of Euclid Avenue east of Hemlock Lane. The occupants of the Ford Escape attempted to assist Spears out of the roadway. Spears refused their assistance and continued southbound across Euclid Avenue. An Arlington Heights man driving an Audi Sport Utility Vehicle travelling in the eastbound curb lane of Euclid Avenue did not see Spears in the roadway and struck Spears in the eastbound curb lane of Euclid Avenue, east of Hemlock Lane. The Audi Sport Utility Vehicle then collided with the Ford Escape that was stopped in the left hand turn lane. Spears was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the Audi Sport Utility Vehicle and occupants of the Ford Escape were not injured in the crash.

The Mount Prospect Police Department continues to investigate this traffic crash. At this time, no charges have been filed against the driver of the Audi Sport Utility Vehicle.

The Mount Prospect Police Department asks that anyone who may have witnessed this traffic crash, but did not speak with police about it, please contact the Mount Prospect Police Department at 847-870-5656.

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