



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **ONE PERSON KILLED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN THE AREA OF ROUTE 3 WEST AND GROVE STREET IN CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

July 22, 2024

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Clifton Police Chief Thomas Rinaldi announce that on July 22, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m., the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office received information from the Clifton Police Department that a motor vehicle crash occurred resulting in an explosion. A commercial truck traveling west on Route 3 in Clifton crashed into a barrier causing the vehicle to catch fire. After the fire was brought under control by members of the Clifton Fire Department, the body of the driver, a 55-year-old male from Linden, New Jersey, was discovered.

The cause of the vehicle crash is undetermined at this time. This investigation is active and ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or [tips@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org).

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Allan Nawrocki of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Investigations Unit at [anawrocki@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:anawrocki@passaiccountynj.org) or at (973) 837-7768.