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Car Shears Utility Pole Results in Power Outage, Road Closure

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*September 15, 2010*) – On Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Lower Providence Township Police Department was advised of the Collegeville Police Department being involved in an attempt to stop a Ford Mustang that was traveling eastbound on Ridge Pike in the area of Level Road in the Collegeville section of Lower Providence Township. The Ford Mustang had been reported stolen from a residence in the 1200 block of Valley Road in Lower Pottsgrove Township earlier in the morning.

The vehicle failed to stop and fled eastbound on Ridge Pike where it sideswiped a vehicle also traveling eastbound in the area of Caswell Avenue. There were no injuries to the occupant of the vehicle that was struck. The Ford Mustang passed through the intersection of Ridge Pike and Eagleville Road and went out of control. The vehicle struck and sheared a utility pole located on the south side of Ridge Pike just east of Eagleville Road. The vehicle continued into a parking lot where it collided with a parked, unoccupied minivan. The vehicle then came to rest after striking a building on the south side of Ridge Pike.

The driver of the Ford Mustang exited the vehicle and fled on foot with police officers from the Collegeville Police Department, the Limerick Police Department and the Lower Providence Township Police Department pursuing him. He was taken into custody after a brief period of time and physically resisting officers' attempts to restrain him.

The Lower Providence Community Center Ambulance evaluated the subject and transported him by ambulance to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in the custody of the Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department. The identity of the subject is being withheld pending the completion of the investigation of this accident and potentially related incidents in Lower Pottsgrove Township

Power in the area was impacted by the damage to the utility pole. PECO Energy crews were working to restore power and replace the damaged pole at the time of this writing. Ridge Pike was closed between Eagleville Road and East Mt. Kirk Avenue.

Assisting at the scene were the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company, the Lower Providence Township Volunteer Fire Police Unit, the Collegeville Fire Company Fire Police Unit and the Worcester Township Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police Unit.

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