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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey H. Sutherland and Chief Robert Regalbuto of the Wildwood Police Department announce an additional arrest has been made and charges have been filed against Eryk R. Wnek, a 22 year old male from Lindegard St, Linden, NJ who was the at fault driver involved in a motor vehicle crash with a low speed vehicle (golf cart) over the weekend.

On September 24, 2022, at approximately 9:23 PM, patrol officers from the Wildwood Police Department were called to the area of Rio Grande and Park Boulevard for the report of a motor vehicle crash. Upon arriving officers determined Eryk Wnek was the at fault driver of a 2020 BMW that did a “burn out,” collided with another vehicle, and then struck a low-speed vehicle.

Erhan Bayram, 31 years old of Williamstown, NJ, was the driver of the low-speed vehicle and was air lifted to the Atlantic City Medical Center to be treated for his injuries. Jessica Klepacz and four juveniles who were passengers in the low-speed vehicle were treated for nonlife threatening injuries. At the time of this release, Bayram was listed in critical but stable condition in the hospital.

Members of the Wildwood Police Department and Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Crash Unit responded to the scene and are currently conducting this ongoing investigation.

On September 26, 2022, Eryk Wnek was arrested in Linden, NJ by Detectives from the Wildwood Police Department and Cape May County Prosecutor's and was charged with Aggravated Assault, a crime of the 2nd degree and Assault by Auto, a crime of the 3rd degree. Wnek was transported back to the Wildwood Police Department where he was processed and lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Facility pending Court proceedings. *

According to Prosecutor Sutherland, the full circumstances surrounding this incident are still under investigation and additional charges may be filed. Prosecutor

Sutherland stated this serious crash is also attributed to the unsanctioned H2Oi car rally that took place in and around Wildwood over the weekend.

Prosecutor Sutherland urges anyone with information regarding this motor vehicle crash to contact the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office at (609) 465-1135, or the information can be reported anonymously through the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Anonymous TIP System by visiting **cmcpo.tips** from any computer, tablet, or smart phone. Information can also be reported to the Cape May County Sheriff's Tip Line at **cmcsheriff.net** and click on anonymous tip, or through the Cape May County Crime Stoppers, 609-889-3597.

**Any charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty.*