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Morris County Prosecutor Robert Carroll and Chief of Detectives Robert McNally announce that Francisco Roman Jr., 54, has been charged in connection with a March 2026 vehicle crash in Somerville, New Jersey, following an investigation by the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

Roman is the Chief of Detectives for the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office. Roman is currently suspended without pay from the position.

On March 20, 2026, Roman was driving a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe, owned by Somerset County, on South Bridge Street in Somerville. It is alleged that Roman struck a parked Mercedes-Benz. As a result of the crash, the driver of the Mercedes-Benz and a passenger sustained injuries. Also as a result of the collision, three additional parked vehicles sustained damage.

Somerville Police officers responded to the scene. Roman is alleged to have showed signs of impairment, and was placed under arrest for driving while under the influence. At the Somerville Police station, Roman was issued a citation for driving while intoxicated, and released.

The Morris County Prosecutor's Office subsequently assumed this investigation.

Following the Morris County Prosecutor's Office investigation, on June 8, 2026, Roman was charged with two counts of fourth degree Assault by Auto, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1C(2). Roman was charged on a summons complaint, processed, and released pending a court appearance.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite these accusations, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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