



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release  
November 3, 2014**

**Incident: Motor Vehicle Collision – Pedestrian Struck**  
**Location: Silver Lake Scotchtown Road and Fifth Street, Town of Wallkill, NY**  
**Date/Time: December 2, 2014 / 5:35 pm**

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 5:35 pm, Town of Wallkill Police Officer Alex Demundo responded to a report of a Hit and Run, one car motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian struck at the intersection of Silver Lake Scotchtown Road and Fifth Street. Upon arrival officers discovered the victim, a Town of Wallkill resident, identified as Steven Brown, suffering from serious injuries. An investigation disclosed that the victim was walking east on Silver Lake Scotchtown Road when he was struck by a pickup truck travelling west on Silver Lake Scotchtown Road. According to one witness, the suspect initially fled the scene, returning after approximately five minutes. The suspect was subsequently arrested by Officer Demundo at the scene. The victim was removed to Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC) by Mobile Life, where he is reported to be in stable condition.

**Victim:**  
Steven Brown  
Male  
54 years old  
Crane Road, Town of Wallkill

**Suspect:**  
Matthew Thornton  
Male  
29 years old  
Fitzgerald Drive, Town of Wallkill

Charged with:  
Leaving the Scene of an Accident,  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle,  
Operating a Vehicle Out of Restriction, and  
Operating an Uninsured Vehicle



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Thornton was released after his arrest and is scheduled to appear in Town of Walkill Court on December 16, 2014.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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