



**PEDESTRIAN SIR-HIGHWAY ACCIDENT BRIEF**

**Attachment - Driver Statement**

**Old Saybrook, CT**

**HWY16SH024**

(3 pages)



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# TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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## WRITTEN STATEMENT

Date: 08/16/2016	Case# 16-08160017962	Time: 2200 hours
Statement of: Harry E. Larkin		DOB: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]		Phone: [REDACTED]
City / State: Old Saybrook, CT 06475		Location: OSPD Headquarters

My name is Harry Larkin and I am currently 73 years old. I have lived at [REDACTED] Old Saybrook permanently for the past eight months. I currently operate a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser as my primary vehicle. I have owned this vehicle since 2008. I worked as a social worker in New York City for 27 years before I retired in May of 2015. I came down to the Old Saybrook Police Dept. today to provide Ptlm. Williams with a written statement regarding an accident that I was involved in tonight, Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Today I went about my usual routine, consisting of physical therapy in Old Saybrook followed by going up to Danbury to my second residence. We are currently in the process of moving from Danbury to Old Saybrook, however we are currently residing full time in Old Saybrook. I arrived in Danbury around 4 p.m. this afternoon. I ran several errands while in Danbury and got dinner for myself as well. I went to Nathan's in the Danbury Mall and got 2 hot dogs, French fries, and a Diet Pepsi. I then got back into my vehicle around 6:30 p.m. I waited until 6:30 p.m. due to the traffic in the area. I came back to Old Saybrook via Route 84 and Route 9. I got off Route 9 at Exit 2 around 8:15 p.m. At this time it was dark out and I had the headlights on in my vehicle.

After I exited the highway I came down Route 154 to Main Street. From Main Street I turned onto Maple Avenue, traveling south bound on Maple Avenue. I think that it took me 10 minutes to get from Exit 2 off of Route 9 to Maple Avenue. At this time I remember there being one or two vehicles behind me, however there were no vehicles in front of me. I remember there being vehicles traveling in the opposite direction of me, north on Maple Avenue, which is why I had my low beams on at the time of the accident. All of the vehicles that were traveling north on Maple Avenue had passed me at the time of the accident. I believe I was traveling around 30 mph at the time of accident as I am always mindful of the cyclist's in the right shoulder on my side.

I believe that I was roughly 3/4 of the way down Maple Avenue, closer to the water, when the accident occurred. I was traveling in the south bound lane, at 30 mph, when an elderly male walked in front of my vehicle. The male appeared to have come from the east / north bound side of the street as before I knew it I struck him with the outer edge of the driver side fender of my vehicle. I did not see if he made any movement to get out of the way or if he saw me. I was able to see that the male was wearing a white short sleeve shirt, dark pants, and was older with salt and pepper hair. I was able to see a grimace on his face at the time of impact. I did not have any time to brake or swerve to avoid the male. I was unable to see exactly where the male went after I struck him however I know that he went somewhere to the driver side of my vehicle as he did not go forward or over the hood of my vehicle.

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After I struck the male, I stopped my vehicle roughly 30 feet after the impact location. After I stopped my vehicle, I had difficulty opening my driver side door because I think the fender pushed into the door. I exited my vehicle and saw the male lying, face up, perpendicular to the street. His head was towards the north bound side of the road and his feet were in the south bound lane, with his arms down at his side and his legs together. The male was not moving and I saw several people in the area running towards him from the south bound side of the street. Several people were screaming and I watched as one male came over and began to give CPR to the male, with two other females assisting him with helping taking care of the male.

I was reluctant at first to go over and help the male as I did not know if the people helping were family or not. I heard the female standing next to me dialing 911 so I did not call the police. Minutes later, the Old Saybrook Police Department arrived with the Fire Department and Ambulance. I spoke with two Police Officers on scene about the accident and told them what had happened.

I was later asked and consented to come down to the Police Dept. with Ptlm. Williams to provide a breath and urine sample. I have not consumed any alcoholic beverages today and the last prescription medication that I took was Roboxin, a muscle relaxant, which I took at 10 a.m. this morning. It is prescribed to me as needed 1-2 pills every 8 hours. I have been feeling better and only took one pill today.

I am a Type II diabetic, non-insulin dependent, which requires me to take a prescription medication. I have never had a seizure and have never had a fainting episode, resulting from my diabetes or other health issues.

I have owned my 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser for the past 8 years. This is my primary vehicle which I operate on a regular basis. Since I have owned the vehicle, I cannot recall any type of mechanical or electrical issue with the vehicle. At the time of the accident my headlights and brake lights were functioning properly. I was also able to utilize my brakes after the accident so I know that those were working. I have had issues with the power steering at times in the vehicle, it at times is sluggish and hard to turn, however the steering was working fine at the time of accident.

I told Ptlm. Williams on scene that my Connecticut Operator's has a restrictions / classification for me to wear prescription eye glasses while operating a motor vehicle. I told Ptlm. Williams that I was not wearing my eye glasses at the time of the accident and that I have not worn my glasses since I lost them a month ago. I have held a valid license in the State of Connecticut for the past 26 years and have always had a requirement to wear eye glasses while driving a motor vehicle. I wear prescription glasses for my long distance sight and I last had my eyes checked roughly 2-3 months ago at Shoreline Ophthalmology in New London. I do not believe that I have any issues seeing at night.

*I have read the above statement and watched as the Officer Williams typed it. I fully understand that if I knowingly make a statement that is untrue and is intended to mislead a law enforcement officer in the performance of his official function, I will be in violation of Section 53a-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes, False Statement. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.*

SIGNATURE [Redacted Signature] DATE 8/16/16 WITNESS PTL [Redacted Signature] 29  
8/16/16

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 16 DAY OF AUGUST 2016

[Redacted Signature] Notary Signature  
JSD C. [Redacted]