



# WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### INVESTIGATORS SEEK WITNESSES TO CENTRAL AVENUE CRASH INVOLVING PEDESTRIAN

**WESTFIELD – DECEMBER 22, 2021** – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced that investigators are seeking witnesses to a crash involving a pedestrian that occurred on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at approximately 7:07 PM, on the 1000 block of Central Avenue.

According to Chief Battiloro, a 46-year old Westfield woman was struck while crossing Central Avenue by a vehicle traveling north. She sustained a traumatic head injury and was rendered unconscious and unresponsive.

Chief Battiloro stated responding police officers immediately determined the victim's injuries to be critical and directed that she be transported via helicopter by the New Jersey State Police Aviation Bureau to University Hospital Medical Center in Newark, a state-designated Level 1 Trauma Center.

The patient was triaged at the scene by Westfield police officers and firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) from the Mountainside Rescue Squad, as well as paramedics from Atlantic Health System. She was transported via helicopter from a landing zone established at nearby Sycamore Field.

The crash is under investigation by the Westfield Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau. It was assisted at the scene by the Union County Police Department's Accident Investigation Unit and Union County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit.

Chief Battiloro requests that anyone who witnessed this crash contact Sergeant Thomas Ostrander of the Westfield Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau at 908-789- 6068.

This is an active investigation and no charges have been filed against any persons at this time. The patient remains in critical condition at University Hospital.

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