

Statement of Erika Lefevre, November 30, 2011

Thank all of you who have come to express your support.

I never expected to be standing in this same spot today where I stood over a month ago, asking the NYPD to please release the information it has about the death of Mathieu. In that month, we have made many, many requests to the NYPD for information, including Freedom of Information requests. But we've gotten almost nothing.

We have received an NYPD accident report. But the small amount of information in the report seems to *contradict* earlier statements by the police. *The report raises more questions than it answers.*

Back in October, the press quoted police sources as stating that Mathieu went through a red light. There is *nothing* in the report about this, and the NYPD detective investigating the case told me there is no evidence at all about the light.

Also in October, the press quoted police sources as saying that Mathieu was riding *next to the truck* when it hit him, in the driver's blind spot. But the report clearly shows that the truck was *behind* Mathieu and *rear-ended* him.

So here are my questions:

- Why did unnamed NYPD sources originally tell the press that Mathieu went through a red light, when there is no evidence of that?
- Why did NYPD originally say Mathieu was riding next to the truck when it struck him, and then issue a report showing Mathieu was rear-ended?
- How can the truck driver have rear-ended Mathieu and not known he had done so?
- Why did the NYPD rush to accept the driver's story that he didn't know he killed someone, when the investigation is still ongoing?
- Why haven't we been given access to the coroners' report, the videotapes that NYPD says they have, and the other evidence of what actually happened? How much longer will this take? Six months? A year?

We appreciate that NYPD has a difficult job in trying to investigate this crash and determine what happened. We want NYPD to take the time it needs to conduct an unbiased, thorough, professional investigation. But NYPD has caused us great pain with their mishandling and withholding of information, and their rush to clear the driver of any wrongdoing.

Today, I am asking NYPD to stop leaking misinformation to the press about crash victims. That only hurts victims and their families, and make NYPD appear unprofessional and biased. NYPD must also stop stonewalling our Freedom of Information requests, and let us have the videotape and other evidence they have told us they have. Six weeks after Mathieu's death, we have a right to know what happened.

By getting accurate information out in a timely way, people will be able to make sense of these terrible crashes, and it will help make the streets safer for everyone.

My son is dead; he cannot speak for himself. Nothing I can do will bring him back. But one thing I can do is to speak out about how this case has been handled by the NYPD, about how changes would affect the lives of other future victims, cyclists and pedestrians. Lives can be saved if the laws are enforced, thus making the streets are safer for everyone.

Every life is precious.

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT (NYC)
 MV-104AN (5/04)

Nov 1 2011 01:51pm P002/003

Precinct **90**
 Accident No. **2081**

Complaint Number

AMENDED REPORT

Accident Date: **10/19/2011** Day of Week: **WED** Military/Time: **0001** No. of Vehicles: **2** No. Injured: **0** No. Killed: **1**
 Not Investigated at Scene Lost Scene Police Photos Reconstructed 278 No

VEHICLE 1 - Driver License ID Number: **L/S/A** State of Lic.: **NY** VEHICLE 2 - Driver License ID Number: **L1166-130381-00** State of Lic.: **NY**
 Driver Name - exactly as printed on license: **L/S/A** Driver Name - exactly as printed on license: **LEFEURE, MATHIEU**
 Address (Include Number & Street): **L/S/A** Address (Include Number & Street): **75-78 AV GUERBES**
 City or Town: **ROCKY HILL** State: **CT** Zip Code: **06281** City or Town: **MONTREAL** State: **QC** Zip Code: **H3N 2R6**

Date of Birth: **3/13/81** Sex: **M** Unlicensed: No. of Occupants: **1** Public Property Damaged:
 Name - exactly as printed on registration: **IMPERIUM CONT INC** Sex: **-** Date of Birth: **3/13/81** Name - exactly as printed on registration: **BICYCLE** Sex: **-** Date of Birth: **-**

Address (Include Number & Street): **2026 MEMROD ST** City or Town: **ROCKY HILL** State: **CT** Zip Code: **06281**

Plate Number: **42220 SC** State of Reg.: **NY** Vehicle Year & Make: **07 STERLING CRANE** Ins. Code: **036**

Ticket/Arrest Number(s): **L/S/A** Violation Section(s):

Check if involved vehicle is: more than 95 inches wide; more than 34 feet long; operated with an overweight permit; operated with an overdimension permit.

VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact, Box 2 - Most Damage. VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact, Box 2 - Most Damage.

VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING: 1-13. SEE DIAGRAM ON RIGHT. 14. UNDERCARRIAGE 17. DEMOLISHED 15. TRAILER 18. NO DAMAGE 16. OVERTURNED 19. OTHER

Place Where Accident Occurred: BRONX KINGS NEW YORK QUEENS RICHMOND
 Road on which accident occurred: **MORGAN AVE**
 at (1) intersecting street: **MESEROLE ST**

Accident Description/Officer's Notes: **OPR OF VEH #1 TRAVELING S/B ON MORGAN AVE MAKING RIGHT TURN ONTO MESEROLE ST STRUCK BICYCLIST ALSO TRAVELING S/B ON MORGAN AVE. VEHICLE #1 AFTER COLLISION DID MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO MESEROLE ST LEFT SCENE OF THE VEHICLE LOCATED AT SCHOOL ST APPROX 100' EAST OF BOBART ST. ACCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HWT 2 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION.**

BY	TO	Names of all involved	Date of Death Only
1	8	L/S/A	10/19/11
2	3	MATHIEU LEFEURE	

Officer's Rank and Signature: **Po. Rosen** Tax ID No.: **91657** NCIC No.: **03030** Precinct: **90** Post/Sector: **201** Reviewing Officer: **Po. Rosen** Date/Time Reviewed: **11/17/11**

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT (NYC)
MV-104AN (5/04)

Precinct **090**
Accident No. **2081**

Complaint Number **6785**

AMENDED REPORT

Accident Date: Month **10**, Day **19**, Year **2011**
Day of Week: **Wednesday**
Military Time: **0001**
No. of Vehicles: **01**
No. Injured: **00**
No. Killed: **01**
Not Investigated at Scene:
Left Scene:
Police Photos: Yes No
Reconstructed:

VEHICLE 1
VEHICLE 1 - Driver License ID Number: **147-978-673**
State of Lic.: **NY**
Driver Name - exactly as printed on license: **Degianni, Leonardo**
Address (Include Number & Street): **117-16 12 Avenue**
Apt. No.:
City or Town: **College Point** State: **NY** Zip Code: **11356**

VEHICLE 2
VEHICLE 2 - Driver License ID Number:
State of Lic.:
Driver Name - exactly as printed on license:
Address (Include Number & Street):
Apt. No.:
City or Town: State: Zip Code:

Date of Birth: Month **09**, Day **11**, Year **1963**
Sex: **M**
Unlicensed:
No. of Occupants: **01**
Public Property Damaged:
Name - exactly as printed on registration: **Impirium Construction**
Address (Include Number & Street): **2026 Himrod Street**
Apt. No.:
City or Town: **Ridgewood** State: **NY** Zip Code: **11385**

Plate Number: **42220SC** State of Reg.: **NY** Vehicle Year & Make: **07 STERL** Vehicle Type: **Crane** Ins. Code: **036**

Ticket/Arrest Number(s):
Violation Section(s):

Check if involved vehicle is:
 more than 95 inches wide;
 more than 34 feet long;
 operated with an overweight permit;
 operated with an overdimension permit.
VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES:
Box 1 - Point of Impact: **1**
Box 2 - Most Damage:
Enter up to three more Damage Codes: **3 4 5**

Check if involved vehicle is:
 more than 95 inches wide;
 more than 34 feet long;
 operated with an overweight permit;
 operated with an overdimension permit.
VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES:
Box 1 - Point of Impact:
Box 2 - Most Damage:
Enter up to three more Damage Codes: **3 4 5**

VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING:
1-13. SEE DIAGRAM ON RIGHT.
14. UNDERCARRIAGE 17. DEMOLISHED
15. TRAILER 18. NO DAMAGE
16. OVERTURNED 19. OTHER

Reference Marker: Coordinates (if available):
Latitude/Northing:
Longitude/Easting:
Place Where Accident Occurred: BRONX KINGS NEW YORK QUEENS RICHMOND
Road on which accident occurred: **S/B Morgan Avenue**
(Route Number or Street Name)
at 1) intersecting street: **Meserole Street**
(Route Number or Street Name)
or 2) N S E W of _____
Feet Miles (Reference Nearest Intersecting Route Number or Street Name)

Accident Description/Officer's Notes: **THIS ACCIDENT REPORT IS BEING AMENDED TO SHOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE OPERATOR OF VEHICLE #1 INVOLVED IN THIS COLLISION WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS LEFT SCENE.**

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A	1	1			48	M								Degianni, Leonardo	
B															
C															
D															
E															
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Officer's Rank and Signature: **DET SHEEHAN, G**
Tax ID No.: **917173**
NCIC No.: **03030**
Precinct: **HDAIS**
Post/Sector:
Reviewing Officer: *[Signature]*
Date/Time Reviewed: **10/30/2011**