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**Press Release**

Date: September 19, 2023  
To: Media  
From: Chief Douglas M. Pinelli  
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Subject: Motor Vehicle Crash & Possible Burglary of a Vehicle

On September 19, 2023 at approximately 6:50AM, Officer D'Ascoli and Officer Friedman of the Pennington Borough Police Department were dispatched to the intersection of Main Street and Delaware Avenue for the report of a Motor Vehicle Crash (MVC) that involved a school bus and a traffic light signal post. The bus which did not have any children on it struck the light standard causing it to break free from its base and topple over. As a result of this east bound travel lane of East Delaware Avenue was closed causing traffic delays and detours through-out Pennington for about 3 hours. The Mercer County Department of Transportation will be out later today to replace the light standard. The Borough should expect traffic delays during the repair process. There will also be a Police Officer at the intersection during the school crossing to assist the Crossing Guard.

While assisting with the MVC, SFC. Thomas was dispatched to the area of 12 South Main Street on the report of a possible motor vehicle burglary in progress. SFC Thomas responded to this location and was met by an off-duty police officer who stated that he believed that the individual was in the process of entering a vehicle that did not belong to him. Officers from Pennington and Hopewell Township Police Departments assisted with this incident and it is still currently under investigation.

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