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**PRESS RELEASE – Motor Vehicle into the CT River**

On 06-03-2022 at approximately 11:53 pm, Middletown Police Officers were dispatched to the area of River Road and Eastern Drive for the report of a vehicle in the river. The caller was across the river in the Town of Portland and heard the sound of the vehicle entering the water and saw taillights submerging.

On arrival, Officers located a missing section of guardrail and a vehicle submerged in a relatively shallow part of the river. The vehicle, a dark colored Nissan Rogue bearing CT AE00220, was approximately 40 feet off the roadway and submerged in approximately 10 feet of water. Middletown Dive Team Officers Stead and Ceccolini were working the shift. The two officers removed their duty gear and entered the water in an effort to rescue the occupants but found the vehicle was unoccupied.

Officers and dive members searched the area but did not find anyone near or around the vehicle. The scene was turned over to the Middletown Fire Department who assumed command of the rescue and recovery efforts. The vehicle was removed from the water without incident but officers noted heavy front end damage from the collision with the guardrail.

At this time, it appears the occupant(s) were able to make it to shore and flee the scene prior to Police arrival. This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the driver/occupants of the vehicle are asked to contact the Middletown Police Department at 860-638-4000.

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