

Hackettstown man pinned by car, dies

HACKETTSTOWN — A Hackettstown man died Wednesday evening from injuries he sustained when he tried to stop his car as it rolled away behind Trinity Methodist Church, according to police and other news accounts.

Police found Thomas Knudsen, 54, trapped at 10:01 a.m. between the inside of the vehicle and the driver's side door, which was up against a gray shed.

Hackettstown police and a sergeant from Washington Township Police picked up the rear end of the vehicle to unpin Knudsen, police said.

After CPR, the Hackettstown Rescue Squad and St. Clare's Medic Unit took Knudsen to the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, from which he was airlifted to Morristown Memorial Hospital, police said.

Knudsen died later that night, but no additional information was available. Police are still investigating the accident.

was arrested on drunken driving charges after officers responded to a one-car crash on Glen Road and Bel Air Drive that caused front-end damage to a black Ford Edge, police said.

Heather Schiederer, 38, exhibited signs of intoxication and was transported by the Sparta First Aid Squad to Newton Memorial Hospital for minor injuries, police said.

Schiederer was charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, failure to maintain lane and failure to produce documents. Schiederer was released pending a court appearance.

Patrolman Dan Elig was the first officer on scene at 5:52 a.m.

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Thomas J. Knudsen

Thomas J. Knudsen, 54, of Hackettstown died April 30, 2008 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born May 22, 1953 in New York City, he lived in Hopatcong before moving to Hackettstown 12 years ago.

Mr. Knudsen was self-employed as an appliance technician.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sherri Schweizer Knudsen, in 2003; his mother, Audrey Mignon Knudsen; and his stepmother, Nancy.

Surviving are his father, David of Little River, S.C.; two sons, Thomas Jr. and Darren, and three daughters, Belinda, Alicia and Courtney, all of Hackettstown; a brother, William D. of Hicksville, N.Y.; and a sister, Jean E. Hottenstein of Tunkhannock, Pa.

Services were held May 3 at the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover. Online condolences may be expressed at www.cochranfuneral.com.

(Top) The New Jersey Herald: May 2, 2008

(Bottom) The Warren Reporter: May 9, 2008

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