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Train vs. Pedestrian

Saint Albans, WV- A CSX Train struck and killed a female overnight around Swans Lane and Rust Street in the Saint Albans West Side area.

Kanawha County Deputies were dispatched to the scene around 9:27 p.m. after CSX called 911 and advised them of the incident. Train personnel reported that it took approximately 1.5 miles to stop the train, before they could attempt to render help.

The female victim, 30-year-old Shaylah Danielle Totten of Saint Albans was allegedly sitting on the railroad tracks as the train approached and failed to move as the train got closer. Evidence suggests the female may have been impaired when the collision occurred, but a final determination will be made by the West Virginia State Medical Examiner.

Deputy K.B. Eskew and CSX Railroad Police will be conducting this investigation into this incident. Should you have any information regarding this case, please contact Deputy Eskew at 304-357-0169.

We would also like to remind the public that walking along railroad tracks or ignoring flashing signals is not only extremely dangerous but is illegal. Trains can take a significant distance to stop which may result in devastating events.



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