



On The Move

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Union Member Charged with Homicide by Vehicle

April 2, 2016. A pedestrian gets hit by a SEPTA bus. The accident resulted in a tragic fatality and generated a lot of public pressure in Montgomery County. As a result, the District Attorneys' office in Montgomery County decided to charge Sister Katrina Sanders with homicide by vehicle, along with a number of lesser charges. Homicide by vehicle requires proof of *recklessness under the criminal law*. Sister Sanders' preliminary hearing took place on Monday, May 23, 2016, and the judge ruled that the case can go forward against her.

The tragedy that befell Sister Sanders and the family of Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., the deceased, on April 2, could happen to any SEPTA operator.

Sister Sanders has obtained legal counsel to represent her in the criminal case. As we all know, criminal attorneys charge hefty fees and Sister Sanders cannot afford to pay them. Sister Sanders needs the support of her union brothers and sisters to survive a bad situation with potentially devastating consequences. Local 234 will soon be holding a fundraiser to help Sister Sanders' legal defense fund. Supporting her with a show of unity will also serve the interests of us all. The outcome of her case could have a significant impact on how other counties, including Philadelphia, handle pedestrian accident cases in the future. This case is therefore important to everyone driving a SEPTA vehicle.

We must also express our solidarity with Sister Sanders by refraining from unnecessary talk and chatter about her accident on social media, because ill-informed talk can come back to bite Sister Sanders if her case goes to trial. As we all know, there are two sides to every story.

SISTER SANDERS NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

**FUNDRAISING PLANS FOR HER LEGAL
DEFENSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

WE MUST AND WE WILL