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MTA Identifies Bus Operator Killed In Collision

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has identified the bus operator killed this morning when his bus was struck by a stolen truck at the corner of 14th Street and Seventh Avenue in Manhattan.

William Pena, 49, of Hillside, N.J., a 17-year veteran of MTA New York City Transit, was driving articulated bus 5299 east on route M14D when he was struck. He was pronounced dead at the scene soon after the collision, which is under investigation by the NYPD and the Manhattan District Attorney.

“The entire MTA mourns the tragic loss of Mr. Pena, especially his colleagues at the Michael J. Quill Bus Depot in Manhattan,” said MTA Chairman and CEO Thomas F. Prendergast. “Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Pena’s family, and we are working closely with law enforcement to ensure the perpetrator of this crime is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The safety of our customers and our employees remains our most important priority.”

Mr. Pena was the first MTA bus operator killed in a collision in more than 14 years. He is survived by his wife and his teenaged daughter.