

Cops probe police commander in crash case

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DETROIT - A veteran police commander, **Todd Bettison**, who crashed a department vehicle early Saturday morning, is the latest in a string of city police officers to find themselves under investigation.

Bettison was alone in an unmarked department car when he struck a utility pole at 2:15 a.m. at Hayes and Seymour, on the city's east side. **Bettison** is reported in good condition in St. John's Hospital. The black Chevrolet Impala was totaled, according to a police report.

Sgt. Omar Feliciano declined to say whether alcohol was involved but said the cause of the accident is under investigation.

Last week, a police sergeant was charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and extortion for allegedly forcing couples in cars he stopped to perform sex acts while he watched. Another officer was accused of attempted murder in Livonia for firing shots at another motorist in an off-duty road rage confrontation.

Earlier this month, a former homicide section detective, Lance Newman, pleaded guilty in federal court to wire fraud for scamming \$12,000 from an Ann Arbor couple during the investigation of their son's murder in 2005.

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