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N.J. woman dies after being dragged 30 feet by car, official says

GUTTENBERG—The Guttenberg woman who was run over and dragged by a car Tuesday morning died from her injuries roughly eight hours after the crash, officials confirmed.

Gertrudis Pena, 48, died at Jersey City Medical Center at 3:22 p.m. after she was struck by a car on Tuesday, said Michael Makarski, a spokesman for the Hudson County Sheriff's Office. A Ford Escape struck Pena and dragged her approximately 30 feet on Bergenline Avenue. Police found her lying in the northbound lane of the street, conscious but unresponsive, Sheriff Frank Schillari said in a statement.

She was rushed to the hospital and listed in "extremely critical condition" for most of the day. The sheriff's office learned of her death Tuesday evening.

The driver, Dominick Azzolini, 81, of Rutherford, had been making a left turn onto Bergenline Avenue from 68th Street when he struck Pena, Schillari said. Azzolini had a green light, but Pena had the right of way—she had a walking signal and was within the crosswalk at the time of the crash, according to officials.

Guttenberg police issued Azzolini summonses for careless driving, failure to yield to a pedestrian and improper turning. The sheriff's office is still investigating the crash. Full story [click here](#)