

AUTO KILLS AND GOES ON.

Plainfield Contractor Mortally Hurt as He Steps Off Car—Driver Caught.

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PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 6.—Jonathan H. Randolph, a contractor of this city, was struck and mortally injured at 12:30 o'clock this morning by an automobile as he was getting off a Main line trolley car at West Front Street and Jefferson Avenue to go to his home. The automobile was driven by Floyd Cooper of Westfield, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Robinson, her daughter, Miss Nellie Robinson, of Sandford Avenue, and Miss Schenck of Orchard Place. Cooper did not stop after striking Randolph, but went as far as Dunellen. There he took another road back to this city.

Meantime Conductor Charles Hyde and Motorman Charles Henderson, finding Randolph was seriously injured, placed him on the sidewalk and then ran their car a quarter of a mile to Dunellen, where they got Dr. Daniel C. Main. The physician ordered the man removed to the hospital here. He died an hour later without regaining consciousness.

At 6 o'clock this morning Sergt. Overbaugh and Roundsman Higgins arrested Cooper at his home in Westfield. He is locked up here charged with murder. The police investigation showed that Cooper, in company with William Decamp, also of Westfield, came here early in the evening and gave some friends a ride. Later Cooper, accompanied by Mrs. Robinson, her daughter, and Miss Schenck, went out for a ride, and it was on this trip that Randolph was run down.

Cooper is a young man engaged in the manufacture of asbestos in New York City. He resides with his mother at Westfield and is unmarried. Randolph was about 55 years old and unmarried. He was an uncle of Councilman C. C. Randolph.

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