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DOUBLE FATAL ACCIDENT UPDATE - VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

DPS-04-060978
PLAINVILLE, CT
12-06-04
1426 hours.

2 VEHICLE DOUBLE FATAL RT 72

Veh#1 operated by **JAMES E. JOHNSON (08-29-65)** of # 112 Greene Street Bristol was traveling Route 72 WEST at which time his vehicle crossed over the center cement median barrier and became airborne. As Veh#1 rolled over the barrier it struck Veh#2 which was traveling in the left lane of RT 72 East.

Vehicle #2 was operated by **MOTTOLA, JOHANNE E. of # 39 Buell Street, New Britain, CT.** OP #2 transported to New Britain General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, where she was treated and released.

OP#1 **JOHNSON** and his passenger, **CHRISTEL A. BLUE (06-27-66)** of 77 Davis Dr, Bristol, CT were both pronounced dead at the scene. Unreasonable speed and poor road conditions have been identified as "preliminary" cause of this accident. All parties involved were wearing seatbelts at the time of this accident. Route 72 EAST was closed from 2:30 to 7:30 pm. A K9 traveling in VEH#1 was also killed in this accident.

At the time of this accident it was snowing and the roadway was wet with scattered icing. State Police personnel from Troop H were assisted at this accident by CT DOT, with traffic detour. Plainville Fire & Rescue and EMS responded to assist with extrication and medical treatment. State Police called a CSP Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team to the scene to assist in determining a cause.

Case remains under investigation.

Anyone who might have witnessed this accident is asked to contact the Connecticut State Police at Troop H in Hartford at 860-534-1000

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ACCIDENT INFORMATION SUMMARY

State Police Troop: H

Case Number: DPS-04-060978

Notations:
Traffic: M
Weather: S
Lane 2 of 2
Direction of Travel:
N S E W

Investigating Trooper: LOPEZ # 1131

Date: 12/6/04

Time: 1426

No. & Type of Veh's Involved: 2 CAR
(Passenger Car, Truck, Bus, Etc.)

Related Information: _____
(Pedestrian, Pole, Bridge Abutment, Etc)

Town / City: PLAINVILLE

Location of Accident: RT. 72 E/B X I

Utility Pole Name & Number (If Applicable): _____

Other (Specify): _____

Oper #1: MOTTOLA, JOHANNE E.

Oper #2: UNKNOWN WHITE MALE

DOB: 11/5/58 Gender: M F

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Address: 39 BUELL St

Address: _____

Town: NEW BRITAIN State: CT Zip: 06051

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Oper. Lic. # 233569421 Type: AB State: CT

Oper. Lic. # _____ Type: _____ State: _____

Owner #1: MOTTOLA, GUY P

Owner #2: _____

Address: Same

Address: _____

Registration Plate: 152 PUC State: CT

Registration Plate: _____ State: _____

Make: DODGE Model: NAV Year: 01

Make: BLUE CHEVY Model: Pu Year: _____

VIN: 2B8GP4N671R166785

VIN: _____

Seatbelt(s): Yes No Airbag: Yes (Deployed Y N) No N/A

Seatbelt(s): Yes No Airbag: Yes (Deployed Y N) No N/A

Insurance Company: TRAVELEERS

Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Policy #: 9777855831011

Insurance Policy #: _____

Injuries: Motor

Injuries: _____

Vehicle Damage: Front LEFT

Vehicle Damage: _____

Vehicle Towed: No Yes, CT MOTOR CARS

Vehicle Towed: No Yes, _____

Occupant(s): [Name / DOB / Address / Position in Veh]

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UNKNOWN FRONT SEAT WHITE

FEMALE

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Veh#1 BLUE CHEVY PICK UP was traveling Route 72 WEST at which time for an unknown reason the vehicle crossed over the center cement median barrier and became airborne. Veh#1 struck Veh#2 which was traveling on RT 72 East. Veh#2 was a 2001 Dodge Caravan operated by MOTTOLA, JOHANNE E. of #39 Buell Street in New Britain CT. OP#2 was transported to New Britain General Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

OP#1 and a Unidentified Passenger (white female) were both pronounced dead at the scene. The CSP Accident Reconstruction Team responded to determine the cause of this accident. Roadway was wet and it was snowing at the time of this accident.

The identities of the two deceased individuals have not been confirmed at this time and therefore are not being released.

RT 72 East was closed 2:30 7:30. The Plainville Fire & Rescue Service, Plainville PD, CT DOT was all on scene to assist Troop H personnel. Anyone who might have witnessed this accident is asked to contact the CSP at Troop H in Hartford at 534-1000.

UPDATE TRUCKER 12/7