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CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT

Today Wednesday 07/27/05 at approximately 7:25 a.m. Connecticut State Police Troop--B North Canaan were notified via a 911 call that a construction accident with serious injury had just occurred on Rt. 63 in Goshen. State Troopers, Fire and EMS personnel all responded to the scene at Rt. 63 just south of Hautboy Hill Rd in Goshen Ct.

Upon arrival emergency personnel observed a piece of construction equipment off the road. EMS personnel pronounced the operator of the construction equipment dead at the scene.

State Police initiated an investigation into this incident. OSHA will also investigate circumstances surrounding this accident.

Preliminary information determined by State Police revealed that shortly after 7:00 a.m. the Gorman Construction Company was moving equipment from their storage yard to a job site located off Rt. 63 in Goshen.

Witnesses stated that the deceased was operating a rubber tire Hyster Roller and it was descending a hill on Rt.63 near Hautboy Hill Road when the operator seemed to lose control. The roller ran off the road striking a tree causing the operator to be ejected and fatally injured.

State Police closed Rt. 63 several hours during the investigation. Traffic was detoured around the accident site.

The deceased operator is identified as DARROW, Melissa M. DOB: 07/21/70 569 Argerfinger Rd. Fultonville New York.

State Police will continue to investigate this incident.

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