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## PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday afternoon, May 31, 2023, at approximately 4:17 p.m. the Kittery Police Department, Kittery Fire Department and Stewarts Ambulance responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Rt. 236 and Stevenson Road. Upon arrival, officers found two vehicles, a 2005 Mercury Mountaineer towing a boat and trailer and a 2021 Chevrolet pickup, in a head-on collision in the eastbound lanes. Neither vehicle appeared to have suffered major damage. Officers found the operator of the Mercury unconscious and unresponsive. The man was removed from the vehicle and officers began CPR and life saving measures. Upon their arrival, personnel from the Kittery Fire Department and Stewarts Ambulance took over the treatment of the individual.

The individual was transported to Portsmouth Regional Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. He was identified as a 59-year-old man from Lee, N.H. The operator of the Chevrolet Pickup did not suffer any injuries but was evaluated by medical personnel on the scene.

Based on the initial investigation and witness statements, it appears the operator of the Mercury suffered a medical event which caused him to veer into the opposite lane of travel, striking the Chevrolet. At this time, it is believed the death of the operator was caused by the medical event and not injury sustained in the actual crash.

The crash remains under investigation with the assistance of the York Police Department Accident Reconstruction team.

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