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Media Release

Incident Date: 3/14/10

Incident Time: 0022hrs

Incident Location: Oak Hill Road, Standish

Incident Synopsis:

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal crash that occurred early Sunday morning on the Oak Hill Rd. in Standish. The crash happened when two vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed struck each other and then left the roadway.

One vehicle, a 1997 Subaru Legacy, driven by 22-year-old Tyler Gordon from Standish, was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on the Oak Hill Rd., when the second vehicle, a 2007 Subaru Legacy operated by 45-year-old D'Ann Seidell Bochese (DeeAnn Bo-kay-zee) from Windham (formerly from Norwich, CT.) attempted to pass the first vehicle. Ms. Bochese's vehicle struck Tyler Gordon's vehicle and they both left the roadway. Both vehicles traveled through a field for approximately 200 feet before coming to rest.

Gordon's vehicle flipped end over end several times before coming to rest on its wheels at Serena Lane. Gordon and his two passengers were able to get out of the vehicle on their own and all occupants were transported to the Maine Medical Center by two Standish Rescue Units, a Gorham Rescue Unit and a Rescue Unit from Limington. The occupants in the vehicle operated by Gordon included the registered owner of the vehicle Chad Violette, 33, from South Portland and Zeke Malnchuck, 26, from Presque Isle.

Ms. Bochese's vehicle continued to travel over Serena Lane and hit a guard rail where the vehicle went airborne and landed upside down approximately 100 feet west of Serena Lane in a ravine like area. Ms. Bochese's body was ejected from the vehicle and was found in a tree approximately 40 feet above the area where her vehicle landed. Ms. Bochese was killed instantly. A passenger in Ms. Bochese's vehicle was also ejected from the vehicle and he was located approximately 30 feet from the vehicle. The passenger in Ms. Bochese's vehicle, 24-year-old Justin Gordon from Standish, was also transported to the Maine Medical Center with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

This accident involved three of the most serious issues involving motor vehicle safety. Although the crash is being re-constructed by the Cumberland County

Sheriff's Office and the Windham Police Officers, it is safe to say that alcohol, failure to wear seatbelts and speed were a factor in this crash.

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