



PRESS RELEASE

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The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 7:11 PM this evening, on the Edes Falls Rd. in Harrison.

A 1996 Dodge Caravan operated by Joshua R. Babbitt 28 years of age from Naples, was traveling southbound on the Edes Falls Rd. in Harrison, when the vehicle crossed the roadway and struck several trees on the opposite side of the roadway. The van then burst into flames.

A couple of motorists that came upon the accident removed Mr. Babbitt, who was unresponsive, from the vehicle and dragged him to a safe distance from the vehicle where first aid was administered by the individuals until Harrison Fire-Rescue arrived. Mr. Babbitt was pronounced dead at the scene.

One of the individuals who helped remove Mr. Babbitt from the van was transported by ambulance to Bridgton Hospital for minor smoke inhalation.

Accident Re-Constructionists from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office are investigating the crash.

More information will be provided in a follow-up press release when the information becomes available. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Chief Deputy Kevin Joyce at 774-1444, extension 2115.