



# Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, at approximately 13:35 hours, a Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Patrol Sergeant was involved in a personal injury accident on Rte. 302 in the Town of Naples. Sergeant Paul Thorpe was operating an unmarked Ford Cruiser westbound on 302 when a Ford Taurus sedan being operated by Lawrence McHugh of Maryland, pulled into traffic from Tony's Food L and Shopping Plaza. Sgt. Thorpe, who was not responding to a call at the time, struck the McHugh vehicle on the driver's side, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

Sgt. Thorpe was transported to Bridgton Hospital for evaluation of chest and ankle pain. Mr. McHugh was also transported to Bridgton for complaint of neck and chest pain. The injuries do not appear to be serious at this time. Eastbound traffic on 302 was shut down for about an hour.

The accident is being investigated by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team. At this time, it appears that Mr. McHugh failed to see Sgt. Thorpe's cruiser due to a third vehicle obstructing his view as he pulled out into the flow of traffic. There have been no charges filed at this time.

Any further inquiries can be addressed to Capt. Jeff Davis at 774-1444 ext. 2222.