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Press Release

On Wednesday, 10/14/2009, at 22:35 hours; Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Standish Fire/EMS responded to the area of Route 25 and Blake Road in the Town of Standish on a serious motor vehicle accident. A 1995 Buick sedan being operated by Gilbert Howard of Standish was heading West on Route 25 when he was struck head on by a 1999 Ford station wagon being operated East by Roberta Robertshaw of Westbrook.

When the responding Deputies and Firefighters arrived on scene they found heavy damage to both vehicles with Mr. Howard unconscious and trapped inside his vehicle. Standish Firefighters used the "Jaws of Life" to extricate Mr. Howard from his vehicle. Mr. Howard's injuries were considered life threatening when he was transported however; there has been no update on his current condition. Ms. Robertshaw indicated to the responding Deputies that she had experienced a panic attack just prior to the accident. Her injuries are unspecific at this time and did not appear to be serious.

The Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team is currently investigating and reconstructing the accident scene. The preliminary investigation indicates Ms. Robertshaws vehicle crossed the center line and struck Mr. Howard's vehicle head on. At this time speed and alcohol do not appear to be causation factors and this may be a case of driver inattention or distraction.

Any further inquires can be addressed to Captain Jeff Davis at 774-1444 ext. 2222.

*** On Friday October 16th, 2009 Mr. Gilbert W. Howard DOB: 02/23/1933, a resident of Standish, passed away at a local hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the above motor vehicle crash. Any further inquires can be directed to Captain Jeff Davis.

