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*Press Release*  
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On Tuesday, 12/29/2009, at approximately 12:58 hours; Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies and the Standish Fire/Rescue Department responded to a serious motor vehicle accident in the Town of Standish.

Natasha L. Mitsin, DOB: 10-19-79, of 29 Royal Pine Drive, Steep Falls, was operating a 2004 Buick headed south on Rt. 35, South of Rte. 237, in the Town of Standish.

Ms. Mitsin advised investigating deputies that she had not been feeling well and that she had closed her eyes briefly as she was driving, just prior to the accident. Ms. Mitsin's vehicle crossed the centerline and into the path of a tractor trailer hauling a load of logs which was headed North on Rte. 35. The logging trucks operator, Alvin J. Pickett, DOB: 3-22-67, of 58 Blue Ridge Drive in Sidney, was operating the tractor trailer, a 2006 Kenworth tractor/cab owned by McAvoy Trucking, Inc. of 1173 North Dexter Road, Sangerville, Maine.

Mr. Pickett swerved to the right hand shoulder attempting to avoid a collision with Ms. Mitsin's vehicle. Ms. Mitsin subsequently struck the tractor trailer head on. The tractor trailer lost control and veered across Rte. 35. A pick up truck being operated south by Matthew Sabasteanski, DOB: 6-29-67, of 769 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, observed the tractor trailer start to cross the road in front of him. Mr. Sabasteanski attempted to avoid the tractor trailer via pulling his vehicle to the right shoulder of the road. The tractor trailer struck the pickup as it (tractor trailer) was rolling over on to its side. The cab of the tractor trailer landed up on top of the passenger compartment of the pickup

truck. Mr. Sabasteanski seeing that the truck was going to roll on top of him was able to lay flat across the front seat of the pickup and subsequently escaped serious injury.

The logs became detached from the logging truck and the logs and trailer then struck a Central Maine Power utility pole near by. The three operators were checked/treated at the scene by Standish Fire/ Rescue personnel. Mr. Pickett complained of back pain and was transported to the Maine Medical Center in Portland. At this time there is no word on his condition and the injury does not appear to be serious given the nature of the accident.

The accident is currently being investigated by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. At this time, no charges have been filed in the incident.

Any further inquires can be directed to Captain Jeff Davis of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office at 774-1444 ext.2222.