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126 New Salem Street Laconia, New Hampshire 03246-3402

Release Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 Release Time: 1410 hours
Case Number: 17-15-AC

Authorization for Release: Captain Canfield, Sergeant Hubbard

Location of Incident: Laconia Route 3/11 Bypass just north of Route 107

Operator Vehicle One: Richard R. Leclerc, 56 YOA.
Berwick, ME 03901

Vehicle: NH AF626271, 1989 Ford Dump Truck, Color Silver/Green.

Operator Vehicle Two: Arline L. Downing, 88 YOA. (Death)
Laconia, NH 03246

Vehicle: NH 376115, 2010 Chevy, 4 door Cobalt, Color Green.

Synopsis of Event:

On Thursday, January 12, 2017 at approximately 1410 hours the Laconia Police responded to a report of an accident on the Laconia Route 3/11 bypass just north of Route 107.

A preliminary investigation reveals that Vehicle number one was traveling northbound on the Laconia Route 3/11 bypass. Vehicle number two was traveling southbound in the northbound travel lane. The operator of vehicle number one reportedly saw vehicle number two approaching and took evasive action by swerving to the left. Vehicle number two collided with the side of vehicle number one. Vehicle number one continued traveling after the collision before overturning and landing in the southbound lane. The operator of vehicle number two was deceased on scene. The operator of vehicle number was not injured. Laconia Police were assisted on scene by members of the Belknap Regional Accident Investigation Team as well as several members of the NH State Police. Belmont and Gilford Police Departments along with the NH DOT assisted with traffic control. Police

are continuing to investigate this collision and are looking at several contributing factors including heavy fog and rain in the area at the time of the collision.

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