

Clinton County Sheriffs Office
News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Personal Injury fatal accident

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DISPOSITION: On February 15, 2013 at approximately 1335 hrs the Clinton County Sheriff's Department responded to a three car motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Jersey Swamp Road and the Military Turnpike, in the Town of Beekmantown. Upon the arrival of the patrol and subsequent investigation it was determined that a 2002 Ford F-150 pick up truck, operated by John L. Phaneuf (70 YOA) of Plattsburgh, with his passenger Richard Wray of Chazy, NY were traveling west bound on the Jersey Swamp Road. As the vehicle approached the intersection with Military Turnpike, the vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign and entered the intersection. At this time the Ford truck was struck by a 2012 Ford Fusion operated by Wai Kit Au (48 YOA) of Kanata, Ontario which was traveling north on Military Turnpike. The Ford Truck was then struck by a 2013 Nissan Altima, being operated by Jedediah Hoppe (35 YOA) of Malone NY and his passenger Lisa Yando (41 YOA) also of Malone which was traveling south on the Military Turnpike. The vehicles then came to rest. A section of Military Turnpike was closed while the accident was being investigated. As a result of this accident the driver of the Ford truck was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Clinton County Coroner David Donah. Drivers and passengers of all other involved vehicles were transported to CVPH for treatment for their injuries, where they are still being evaluated and treated at this time. Members of the Beekmantown Fire Department, Morrisonville EMS and EMTS of CVPH responded to handle the injured parties. Assisting with the investigation is the New York State Police, the New York State Police accident reconstruction team, and the Clinton County District Attorneys Office. The investigation is ongoing.