

Howell, Rosa (NHTSA)

From: Hershman, Larry (NHTSA)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 5:29 PM
To: Howell, Rosa (NHTSA)
Cc: Demeter, Kathleen (NHTSA); Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Subject: FW: Austin-Sierra Police Report & Photos

Rosa,
[Here is yet another supplement to enter into Artemis for DP09-005.](#)
Thanks again,
Larry

From: Demeter, Kathleen (NHTSA)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 5:10 PM
To: Hershman, Larry (NHTSA)
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[See below](#)

From: Clarence Ditlow [<mailto:cmdiii@autosafety.org>]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 5:05 PM
To: Demeter, Kathleen (NHTSA)
Cc: Chidester, Chip (NHTSA); Amoni, Marilena (NHTSA); Medford, Ronald (NHTSA)
Subject: Austin-Sierra Police Report & Photos

Attached are the Police Report and Photos from the September 1, 1999 Southampton NY fire crash in which two occupants in the rear of the Jeep were severely burned and the driver of the striking vehicle died of burn injuries the following day. Note the lack of structural damage to the two vehicles. Please place this email and attachments in the file on the Center's Defect Petition, DP09-005, on 1993-04 Jeep Grand Cherokees. Note that FARS failed to record Fire as the Most Harmful Event.

Clarence Ditlow
Executive Director
Center for Auto Safety
1825 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington DC 20009

DP09-005

12/4/2009

Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police
Report

DMV
USE

SUFF POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

MV-104A(7/96)

Local Codes
99-23847

Accident Date	Day of Week	Time	No. of Vehicles	No. Injured	No. Killed	Non-Highway	Not Investigated	Left Scene	Police Photos					
09/01/1999	WE	16:43	2	4	1	☐	☐	☐	☐					
VEHICLE 1			VEHICLE 2			BICYCLIST				PEDESTRIAN				
[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]				
City or Town			State			City or Town				State				
BROOKVILLE			NY			RIVERHEAD				NY				
Date of Birth	Sex	Unlicensed	No. of Occupants	Public Property	Date of Birth	Sex	Unlicensed	No. of Occupants	Public Property					
10/25/1976	F	☐	3	☐	04/06/1972	M	☐	2	☐					
Date of Birth			Date of Birth			Date of Birth				Date of Birth				
[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]				
City or Town			State			City or Town				State				
GLENHEAD			NY			RIVERHEAD				NY				
Plate Number	State of Reg.	Vehicle Year & Make	Vehicle Type	Ins. Code	Plate Number	State of Reg.	Vehicle Year & Make	Vehicle Type	Ins. Code					
[REDACTED]	NY	1997 JEEP	SUBN	155	[REDACTED]	NY	1986 TOYOT	2DS	127					
Check if involved vehicle is:					Check if involved vehicle is:					ACCIDENT DIAGRAM				
☐ more than 95 inches wide;					☐ more than 95 inches wide;					1. Right Turn				
☐ more than 34 feet long;					☐ more than 34 feet long;					2. Left Turn				
☐ operated with an oversize permit;					☐ operated with an oversize permit;					3. Right Turn				
☐ operated with an oversize permit.					☐ operated with an oversize permit.					4. Left Turn				
VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES					VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES					5. Right Turn				
Box 1 - Point of Impact					Box 1 - Point of Impact					6. Left Turn				
Box 2 - Most Damage					Box 2 - Most Damage					7. Right Turn				
Enter up to three					Enter up to three					8. Left Turn				
more Damage Codes					more Damage Codes					9. Right Turn				
Vehicle 1 By POLICE/TOW					Vehicle 1 By POLICE/TOW					10. Left Turn				
Towed To SOUTHAMPTON TOWN POLICE HQ					Towed To SOUTHAMPTON TOWN POLICE HQ					11. Right Turn				
VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING:					VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING:					12. Left Turn				
1-13. See diagram on right					1-13. See diagram on right					13. Right Turn				
14. UNDERCARRIAGE					14. UNDERCARRIAGE					14. Undercarriage				
15. TRAILER					15. TRAILER					15. Trailer				
16. OVERTURNED					16. OVERTURNED					16. Overturned				
17. DEMOLISHED					17. DEMOLISHED					17. Demolished				
18. NO DAMAGE					18. NO DAMAGE					18. No Damage				
19. OTHER					19. OTHER					19. Other				
Reference Marker					DMV USE ONLY					County				
2 7					[REDACTED]					SUFFOLK				
0 7 0 5					[REDACTED]					City Village				
1 6 4 4					[REDACTED]					Town				
TICKET/ARREST					TICKET/ARREST					Road No. or Street Name				
OPR 1					OPR 1					1250				
PEDESTRIAN					PEDESTRIAN					Feet Miles				
BICYCLIST					BICYCLIST					N E S W				
OTHER					OTHER					At Intersection with				
Taker/Arrest Number(s)					Taker/Arrest Number(s)					NEWLIGHT LA. (TR)				
Violation Section(s)					Violation Section(s)					[REDACTED]				
Accident Description/Notes					Accident Description/Notes					[REDACTED]				
Please see attached.					Please see attached.					[REDACTED]				

ALL INVOLVED										Names - If Deceased, Give Date of Death																																																											
A	1	1	4	1	22	F	1	6	8	9997	5119	[REDACTED]																																																									
B	1	3	4	1	22	F	4	12	6	9997	5119	[REDACTED]																																																									
C	1	4	4	1	25	F	11	8	5	9997	5119	[REDACTED]																																																									
D	2	1	4	1	27	M	12	8	3	2093	5119	09/02/1999																																																									
E	2	3	4	1	22	M	7	8	6	2093	5119	[REDACTED]																																																									
F												[REDACTED]																																																									
G												[REDACTED]																																																									
SIGN HERE										Department										Station/Boat Factor										Reviewing Officer										Date/Time Reported																													
POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN M. O'BRIEN										178/2										05158										3										42										[REDACTED]										9/7/99									

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New York State Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV

Local Code
99-23847

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POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

USE

MV-104A(7/96)

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09/01/1999	WE	16:43	2	4	1	☐	Accident Reconstructed ☒	☐	☐ Yes ☐ No

Accident Description/Officer's Notes

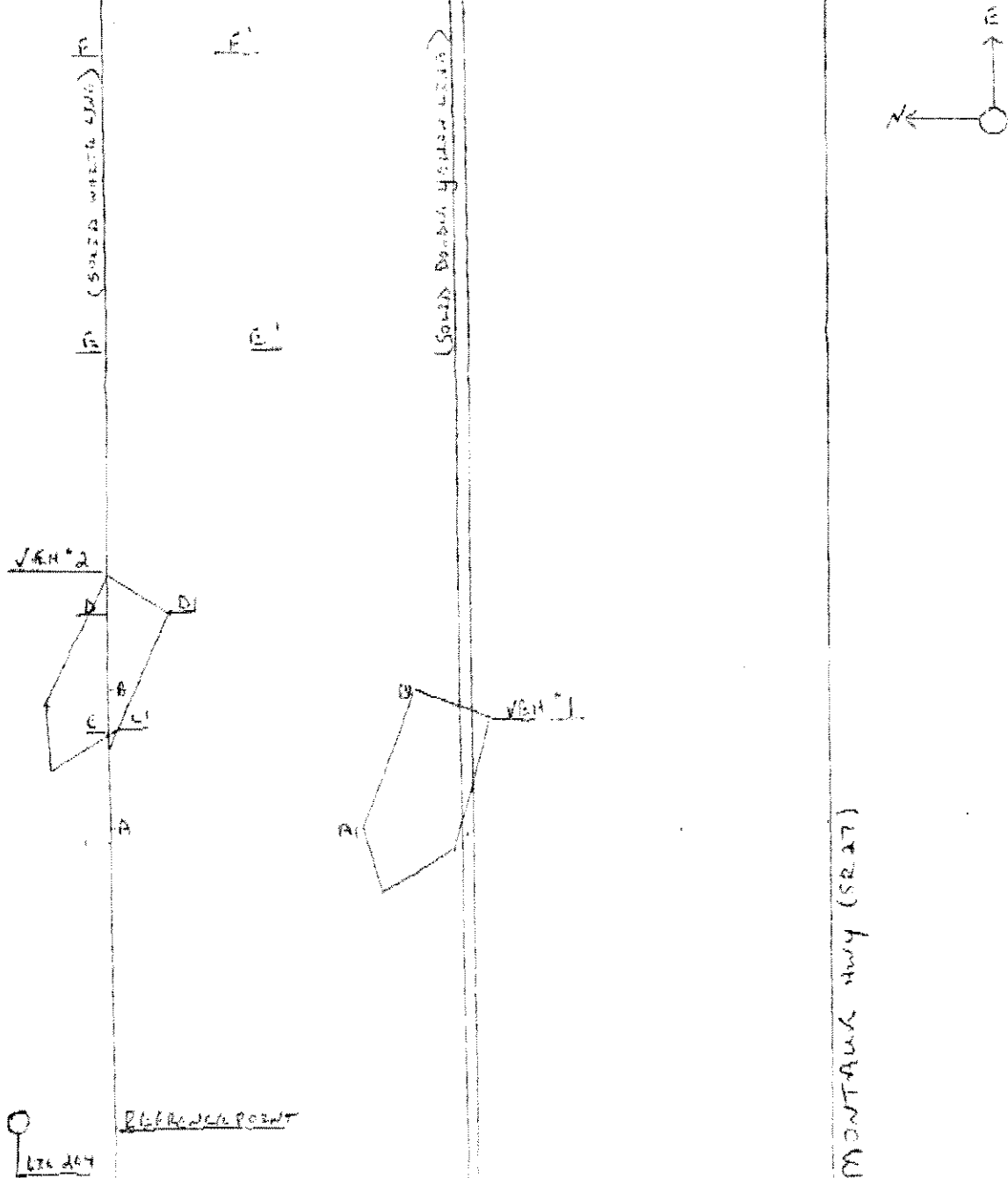
oper #1 states she was stopped in the w/b lane going to make a left hand turn when veh #2 struck the rear of her veh
see statements
gps 40

55 82n 072 1947w

SIGN HERE	Officer's Rank and Name	Badge/ID No	Department	Accident Post/Truck/Zone	Station/Field Sector	Reviewing Officer	Date/Time Reported
	POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN M. O'BRIEN	178/2	NY0515800	3	42	8/2/99	9/2/99

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Town Of Southampton

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REPORTING OFFICER PO/Stephen M. O'Brien 17812	SUPERVISOR (Signature)
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POLICE DEPARTMENT
Town Of Southampton

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Motor Vehicle accident Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton *not to scale*

from	to	distance	item
Lil	rp	16'9"	reference point
rp	a	28'6"	
a	al	8'7"	front passenger tire veh #1
rp	b	37'3"	
b	bl	9'5"	rear passenger tire veh #1
rp	c	34'7"	
c	cl	-	front drivers tire veh #2 on white shoulder line
rp	d	41'6"	
d	dl	1'6"	rear drivers tire veh #2
rp	e	87'	
e	el		debris from vehs #1 & #2
rp	f	105'	
f	fl	6'7"	point of impact (gouge in roadway surface)

Roadway Characteristics:

Montauk Hwy is a two lane roadway with east and west bound traffic it is divided by a solid double yellow line and has shoulders on each side of the roadway marked by solid white lines

roadway is an asphalt surface

posted speed limit is 55 mph

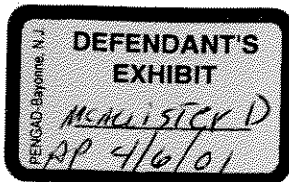
meassurments were taken with a Erwin 100' tape measure

REPORTING OFFICER

PO Stephen M. O'Brien 178/2

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SOUTHAMPTON TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
110 OLD RIVERHEAD ROAD,
HAMPTON BAYS, NEW YORK 11946
PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTION SHEET

CC# NUMBER	SECTOR	GRID LOCATION	SQUAD/COMMAND
99-23847	C42		DETECTIVE
TIME OUT	TIME IN	DATE OF REPORT	TIME OCCURRENCE
1902 HRS	2035 HRS	9/1/99	1830 HRS
TECHNICIAN	SHIELD #	REQUESTED BY	SHIELD #
Det. James T. Mazzio	#12	P.O. S. Obrien	#178
TYPE OF CRIME	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE	HAMLET	
MVA with SPI	Montauk Hwy	Bridgehampton	
OWNER/VICTIM	ADDRESS		

PHOTO #	DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN
1)	No flash.
2)	Coversheet.
3 - 4)	Overall facing north.
5)	No flash.
6 - 7)	Overall facing west.
8 - 9)	Overall facing south.
10 - 11)	Overall facing east.
12)	Closeup facing east.
13)	Closeup facing north.
14)	Overall facing west.
15)	Overall facing south.
16)	Point of impact.
17)	Point of impact facing west.
18)	Closeup of toyota rear facing west.
19)	Closeup of drivers side toyota facing north.
20)	Closeup of front of toyota facing east.
21)	Passenger side of toyota facing south.
22)	Interior of toyota on passenger side.
23)	Interior of toyota on drivers side.
24)	Interior of toyota through front windshield.
25)	Closeup of jeep front.
26)	Closeup of jeep drivers side.
27)	Closeup of jeep rear.
28)	Closeup of jeep passenger side.
29)	Jeep interior from drivers side.
30)	Jeep interior from drivers rear door.
31 - 32)	Jeep interior from passenger side.
33 - 34)	Jeep interior from rear.
35)	Closeup of front end of toyota.
36)	Jeep spare tire on ground.

Town of Southampton
County of Suffolk
State of New York

99-23847
9/8/99
0850 HRS
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I [REDACTED] being duly sworn deposes and states that I am 48 years old born on 7/21/51 in New York City. I currently reside at 127 Lynn Ave Hampton Bays NY. My telephone number is [REDACTED]. I am currently self employed as the owner of [REDACTED] Sound located in Southampton NY. I give this statement of my own free will and swear it to be the truth.

On Wednesday September 1, 1999 at around 6:30 PM, I was driving my Jeep westbound on Montauk Hwy Bridgehampton west of the Bridgehampton Commons. As I was driving I happened to be checking my rear view mirror. I saw a red Jeep three or four car lengths behind me. I heard a screech of tires and saw the Jeep lurch forward. Almost instantly I saw a large fireball from the rear of the Jeep. Within thirty seconds the whole Jeep was on fire. I saw a second car as well. I saw a woman run from the passenger side of the Jeep. She was on fire. I also saw a man who was on fire, running towards the south side of the road. I pulled my car to the side of the road and saw that bystanders were helping all the parties involved.

I have read this statement consisting of one page and swear it to be the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn to before me
this 8th day of September 1999

X

Sworn to before me this

9th day of June 2000

JOHN J. JAMES

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 4729495 - Suffolk County

Commission Expires February 28, 2001

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Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police
Photos

Recd -
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None
DCA.

PHOTOS TAKEN

EX: DALLAS

Date:

Location:

Subject:

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