

## Howell, Rosa (NHTSA)

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**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  
**Attachments:** Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police Report.pdf; Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police Photos.pdf

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

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**From:** Demeter, Kathleen (NHTSA)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 5:10 PM  
**To:** Hershman, Larry (NHTSA)  
**Subject:** FW: Austin-Sierra Police Report & Photos

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**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  
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DP09-005

MEMO 12-4-2010

Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police  
Report

DMV USE

SUFF POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

Check Codes  
99-23847

MV-104A(7/96)

Accident Date 09/01/1999	Day of Week WE	Time 16:43	No. of Vehicles 2	No. Injured 4	No. Killed 1	Non-Highway <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Investigated <input type="checkbox"/>	Left Signs <input type="checkbox"/>	Police Photos <input type="checkbox"/>
Accident Reconstructed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							BICYCLIST <input type="checkbox"/>	PEDESTRIAN <input type="checkbox"/>	

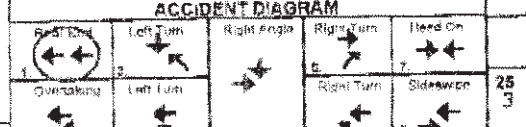
City of Town BROOKVILLE	State NY	City of Town RIVERHEAD	State NY
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Date of Birth 10/25/1976	Sex F	Unlicensed <input type="checkbox"/>	No. of Deaths 3	Public Property Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth 04/06/1972	Sex M	Unlicensed <input type="checkbox"/>	No. of Deaths 2	Public Property Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
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Date of Birth 01/27/1949	City of Town GLENHEAD	State NY	City of Town RIVERHEAD	State NY
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Plate Number [REDACTED]	State of Reg NY	Vehicle Year & Make 1997 JEEP	Vehicle Type SUBN	Ins. Code 155	Plate Number [REDACTED]	State of Reg NY	Vehicle Year & Make 1986 TOYOT	Vehicle Type 2DS	Ins. Code 127
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<input type="checkbox"/> more than 95 inches wide; <input type="checkbox"/> more than 34 feet long; <input type="checkbox"/> operated with an oversight permit; <input type="checkbox"/> operated with an overdimension permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> more than 95 inches wide; <input type="checkbox"/> more than 34 feet long; <input type="checkbox"/> operated with an oversight permit; <input type="checkbox"/> operated with an overdimension permit.
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<b>VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES</b> Box 1 - Point of Impact Box 2 - Most Damage Enter up to three more Damage Codes	<b>VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES</b> Box 1 - Point of Impact Box 2 - Most Damage Enter up to three more Damage Codes
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Vehicle 1 By POLICE/TOW Towed To SOUTHAMPTON TOWN POLICE HQ	Vehicle 2 By POLICE/TOW Towed To SOUTHAMPTON TOWN POLICE HQ
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VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING:  
 1-13. See diagram on right  
 14. UNDERCARRIAGE  
 15. TRAILER  
 16. OVERTURNED  
 17. DEMOLISHED  
 18. NO DAMAGE  
 19. OTHER

Estimated cost of repairs to any one vehicle meets criteria for "reportable" threshold.  Yes  No

Reference Marker 2 7 0 7 0 5 1 6 4 4	DMV USE ONLY	County SUFFOLK	City/Village/Town SOUTHAMPTON
Route No. or Street Name 125th		on MONTAUK HWY (SR27)	
TICKET/ARREST TICKET/ARREST NUMBER(S)		Violation Section(S)	

ALL INVOLVED											Names - If Deceased, Give Date of Death		
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17 BY	18		
A	1	1	4	1	22	F	1	6	8	9997	5119		
B	1	3	4	1	22	F	4	12	6	9997	5119		
C	1	4	4	1	25	F	11	8	5	9997	5119		
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		
F													
G													

SIGN HERE	Officer's Rank and Name POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN M. O'BRIEN	Badge ID No 178/2	Department 05158	Pinch/Post 3	Station/Box/ Factor 42	Reviewing [Signature]	Date/Time Reported 9/7/99
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New York State Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV  
USE

Local Code
99-23847

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**POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT**

MV-104A(7/96)

Accident Date	Day of Week	Time	No. of Vehicles	No. Injured	No. Killed	Acc. Highway	No. Investigated	Accident Reconstructed	Left Scene	Police Photos
09/01/1999	WE	16:43	2	4	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Accident Description/Officer's Notes

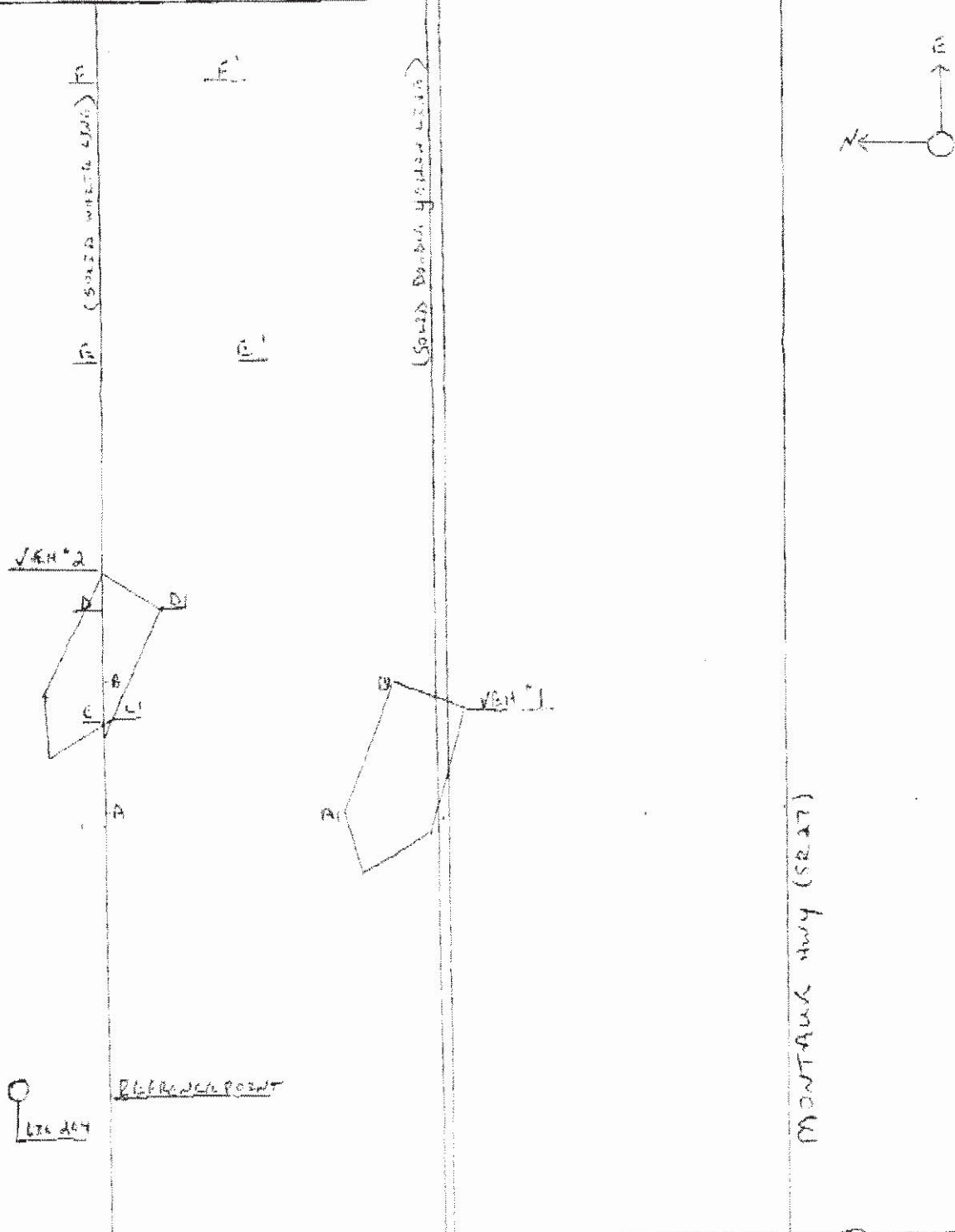
oper #1 states she was stopped in the w/b lane going to make a left hand turn when veh #2 struck the rear of her veh  
 see statements  
 gps 40  
 55 82n 072 1947w

SIGN HERE	Officer's Rank and Name	Detective No	Department	Accident Post Tropo/Zone	Station/Block/ Sector	Reviewing Officer	Date/Time Reported
	POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN M. O'BRIEN	178/2	NY0515800	3	42	SP/10/1/99	9/2/99



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Town Of Southampton

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REPORTING OFFICER PO/Stephen M. O'Brien 17812	SUPERVISOR 
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Motor Vehicle accident Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton \*not to scale\*

from	to	distance	item
L11	rp	16'9"	reference point
rp	a	28'6"	
a	a1	8'7"	front passenger tire veh #1
rp	b	37'3"	
b	b1	9'5"	rear passenger tire veh #1
rp	c	34'7"	
c	c1	-	front drivers tire veh #2 on white shoulder line
rp	d	41'6"	
d	d1	1'6"	rear drivers tire veh #2
rp	e	87'	
e	e1		debris from vehs #1 & #2
rp	f	105'	
f	f1	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 base shoulders on each side of the roadway marked by solid white lines

roadway is an asphalt surface

posted speed limit is 55 mph

measurments were taken with a Erwin 100" tape measure

REPORTING OFFICER

PO Stephen M. O'Brien 178/2

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Town of Southampton  
County of Suffolk  
State of New York

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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] 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 26, 2001

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Austin-Sierra Hamptons Police  
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By: D. L. L.

Date: 1/1/11

Location: Park

Subject: Doves

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