



# Webster Police Department

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**To: All Media Outlets**

**From: Lieutenant Michael D. Shaw**

**Date: September 21, 2015**

**RE: Motor Vehicle Accident on Route 16 9/19/2016**

On 9/19/15 at approximately 2010 hours, the Southern Worcester County Communications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle accident involving a motor vehicle and a motorcycle. All available police units were dispatched along with Webster EMS and the Webster Fire Department.

Police arrived to find the operator of the motorcycle, Peter Camerano 46, 9 Holly Street, Oxford, walking around. The passenger, Katrina Downes 49, 29 Holly Street Oxford, was reported to have sustained a serious leg injury. Webster Police contacted the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Accident Reconstruction Team to assist in the investigation.

Both Camerano and Downes were transported to UMass hospital via Webster EMS. The driver of the car, Joseph Gadbois 53, Webster, was not transported.

Preliminary investigation shows that the motorcycle exited Indian Ranch and failed to use care and caution in entering the travel lane, thus "cutting off" the car travelling south on Route 16. Camerano was also operating with a suspended license. As a result, Camerano was issued a criminal citation for

Operating with a suspended license  
Negligent Operation of a motor vehicle  
Failing to use care and caution when entering a roadway.

Camerano will be summoned into court at a later date.

There was no evidence of any drugs or alcohol use.

This caused this portion of road to be closed and traffic detoured for several hours. Oxford, Douglas, Dudley, and the Massachusetts State Police assisted in the investigation as well as answering calls while officers were investigating the accident which occurred during a busy 3-11 shift which saw 34 calls for service for Webster Public Safety.

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