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## Press Release

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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES CAR / TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT**

**Canaan, NY** – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that at 11:31 this morning, Deputy Sheriff's were assigned by County 911 to a personal injury automobile versus tractor trailer accident on state route 22 south of the intersection with State Route 102 in the Town of Canaan.

A 2007 International Tractor with a 2006 Ranco Semi-Trailer operated by 53 year old Thomas Medeiros of Four Wheel Drive Wappingers Falls, NY was southbound on NYS Route 22 when a 2007 Suzuki Sedan operated by 61 year old Malcolm Cameron of Main Street W. Stockbridge, MA crossed over into the southbound lane while proceeding in a northerly direction.

Medeiros stated that he took evasion action to avoid a head on collision by swerving off the west shoulder of the highway. Cameron did crash into the left front driver's side of the tractor pushing his car back into the center of the roadway. The driver of the tractor trailer and his passenger, 60 year old Frederick Rossi of Patterson, NY were not injured. Cameron was not trapped in the vehicle as initially reported but was transported to the Berkshire Medical Center in Massachusetts by the Chatham Rescue Squad for leg, hip and head injuries. Route 22 was closed for approximately two hours.

Deputy Sheriff Todd Hyson is continuing the investigation and was assisted at the scene by Captain David Bartlett, Lieutenant James Andrews, Deputy Sheriff's Scott Leggett, Toby VanAlstyne and Reagan Anderson.

Also assisting at the scene were members of the Canaan and Austerlitz Fire Companies and members of their Fire Police Units.