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Press Release

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Greenport, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that at 12:20pm today, Deputy Sheriff's were assigned by 911 to a personal injury automobile crash on route 9 approximately a mile north of the Buckley's corners intersection in the Town of Greenport.

Patryk Kuczynski, 20 years old of Kipp Lane, Greenport, was operating a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer northbound on route 9 when he was attempting to pass another vehicle. Kuczynski stated he realized a southbound car was approaching and sped up to pull ahead of the car he was passing. Kuczynski's vehicle left the roadway after, he believes, striking the front end of vehicle he was passing, struck an earth embankment, hit a utility pole and rolled approximately three times. There was not another vehicle at the scene and no other reports that another vehicle was struck.

Kuczynski, who was wearing his safety belt, was transported to the Albany Medical Center by Greenport Rescue for chest pains. His 25 year old passenger, Amanda Race of Greenport, was transported to a landing zone by the rescue squad and airlifted to the Albany Medical Center with serious injuries. She too was wearing a seatbelt.

Deputy Sheriff's Marcus Hickey and Scott Kline charged Kuczynski with Unsafe Passing, Reckless Driving and Speed Not Reasonable and Prudent. He will answer the charges in the Greenport Town Court at a later date.

Also on the scene for the Sheriff's Office were Captain David Bartlett, Sgt. Brian Molinski and Sr. Investigator William Foster. The Greenport Fire Department and Greenport Police Department also assisted.