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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

COPAKE, NY - Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. reports that Sheriff's Patrols were dispatched by Columbia County 911 at about 8:00am this morning to a two vehicle automobile accident on State Route 23, near the intersection with Bloody Hill Road in the Town of Copake.

Deputy Sheriff's found that a vehicle, operated by a 28 year old woman from Massachusetts, was traveling westbound on NYS Rte 23 and for unknown reasons traveled over into the eastbound lane striking a 1996 Jeep operated by Jordan J. Fuller 17 years old from Hudson. Jordan J. Fuller and a 15 year old passenger were transported to Albany Medical Center. The 28 year old woman was pronounced dead at the scene by Columbia County Coroner Angelo Nero. Her name is not being released until next of kin are notified. Deputy Sheriff's are working with Massachusetts officials to notify her family.

The accident is under investigation by Sheriff's Investigators, the Sheriff's Accident/Incident Investigation Unit and Coroner Nero. Investigators are looking into the possibility that the woman may have had a medical problem or was otherwise distracted.

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The Copake Rescue Squad, Greenport Rescue Squad, Craryville Fire Company and Hillsdale Fire Company assisted at the scene.

In addition to Coroner Nero, investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Captain David Bartlett, Sergeant John Derocha, Investigator Anthony Brahm, Investigator Mark Dunspaugh, and Deputy Sheriff David Proper.