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LIVINGSTON FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT CONCLUDES

Livingston, NY – The Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports that the investigation into the fatal automobile accident that occurred on County Route 19 in the Town of Livingston on January 24th, 2014 has been completed. The accident claimed the life of 35 year old William B. Wrigley.

On January 25th, 2014 an autopsy was performed on Wrigley by Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard at St. Peters Hospital in Albany, New York. The results show that Wrigley died from massive multiple traumatic injuries sustained from the accident. The toxicology report indicated no findings of drugs but did yield a blood/alcohol level of a 0.15.

The Hudson Police Department wished to add the following: "We at the Hudson Police Department are saddened and disheartened by the news regarding Officer Wrigley. As a Department we cannot condone drinking and driving, and believe that the police, in order to gain the public trust and confidence, need to operate above the law and set an example for the community. That being said, Officer Wrigley made a mistake in operating his vehicle that morning, and he paid a heavy price for that mistake. The totality of the circumstances are tragic, and for a while will deter from his greater legacy which included, fairness, kindness, and service to our city and country."

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The City of Hudson Police Commissioner Gary Graziano said, "This doesn't change how I feel about Bill Wrigley nor does it change that he was a great cop. All this does is make it hurt a little bit more. Let's let the man rest."