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Press Release

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Livingston, NY - Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that Sheriff's Patrols were dispatched by Columbia County 911 at about 5:13am this morning to a one vehicle automobile accident on County Route 19, just south of the intersection with State Route 9, in the Town of Livingston.

Deputy Sheriff's found that a 1997 Honda Civic, operated by 35 year old William B. Wrigley of Livingston, NY, was traveling southbound on County Route 19 and for unknown reasons traveled over westbound shoulder of roadway striking a large tree. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. Mr. Wrigley, the only occupant of the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene by Columbia County Coroner James Bertram.

The accident is still under investigation by Sheriff's Investigators and Coroner Bertram.

Northern Dutchess Paramedics, Livingston Fire Company, County Coordinator Hunt, and City of Hudson Police assisted at the scene.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Sheriff David Bartlett, Undersheriff John Davi, Captain John Derocha, Sr. Investigator William Foster, Investigator John Rivero, Sergeant Brian Molinski, Deputy Jason Garvey, and Deputy Thomas Bagnall.

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PRESS RELEASE - HUDSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer William B. Wrigley was an 11 year member of the Hudson Police Department. He had a distinguished career, marked by numerous citations for bravery and exemplary duty. Officer Wrigley was a member of the Department's Bike Patrol and Honor Guard. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his mother, father and brother, all local residents.

"Our small department is reeling from this loss. Our Officers are very close, like family. Officer Wrigley was a large man, both in stature and heart. He took particular delight in working with children during our bike rodeos, and always volunteered for the City's numerous parades and events. He was a brave officer who put his own safety at risk numerous times for our citizens. He served well." Chief Moore

From the Mayor...

"I would like to extend my condolences to the Family, Friends, and law enforcement community of the City of Hudson, on the unexpected and untimely death of Hudson City Police officer William Wrigley. As we honor the life of William Wrigley we also acknowledge and honor his service representing the City of Hudson residents in the capacity of Police Officer protecting the Lives and property of all he served. Officer Wrigley will be remembered for all he gave to community and his fellow man." City of Hudson Mayor William H. Hallenbeck Jr.