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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT

CLAVERACK, NY- Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that on November 11 at approximately 11:07am, Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff Deputies to a one vehicle rollover accident with entrapment on State Route 23, just east of Old Barrington Road in the Town of Claverack.

Deputies found that a 2006 Dodge Charger, operated by 59 year old Helen Baker of Craryville, was traveling westbound on State Route 23 and for unknown reasons, traveled over the shoulder of the roadway and struck a guide rail and then a sign. The vehicle then went airborne striking a tree and coming to rest on the roof of the vehicle. The operator had to be extricated from the vehicle with the Jaws of Life. She was airlifted to Albany Medical Center for internal injuries. There were three passengers in the Baker vehicle, 36 year old Debra MacDonald, 49 year old Laurie Brown, and a 4 year old child. MacDonald and the child were transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital by Greenport Rescue Squad and Brown was transported to Albany Medical Center by Community Rescue Squad.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Community Rescue Squad, Greenport Rescue Squad, Churchtown Fire Company, and the New York State Police all assisted at the scene. Claverack Fire Department set up a landing zone at their station.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Senior Investigator Kevin Skype, Deputy Cindy Madison, Deputy Louis Bray, and Deputy Kris Bauhoff.