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## Press Release

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### SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES SERIOUS ACCIDENT

**Chatham, NY-** Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that on November 18 at approximately 5:21pm, Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff's Deputies to a two vehicle accident on State Route 66, just north of Boice Road in the Town of Chatham.

Deputies found that a 2006 Subaru Impreza, operated by 54 year old Scott NeJame of Chatham NY, was traveling southbound on State Route 66 and for unknown reasons, traveled over the centerline into the northbound lane of travel and struck a 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, which was traveling northbound. After the impact, the Subaru came to rest in the northbound lane of travel and the PT Cruiser went off the east side of the roadway and over a guide rail. The PT Cruiser was operated by 43 year old Anthony Colyer-Pendas of Nassau NY, who was taken by helicopter to Albany Medical Center for multiple life threatening injuries. Scott NeJame also received serious injuries from the accident and was transported to Albany Medical Center by Chatham Rescue Squad.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Chatham Rescue Squad, Valatie Rescue Squad, Tri-Village Fire Company, and Chatham Fire Company all assisted at the scene. Niverville Fire Company set up a landing zone at their station. Also on the scene were Fire Coordinator John Howe and Deputy Fire Coordinator Pete Harvey.

The road was closed for approximately 4 hours during the investigation.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Sheriff David Bartlett, Undersheriff John Davi, Captain John DeRocha, Lieutenant Wayne Lopez, Senior Investigator Kevin Skype, Investigator Patrick Logue, Deputy Cindy Madison, and Deputy Louis Bray.