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SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS MAN FOR LEANDRA'S LAW

Taghkanic, NY- Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that on August 17 at approximately 2:00pm, Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff's Deputies to a personal injury automobile accident on State Route 82, just south of Timber Lane, in the Town of Taghkanic.

Deputies found that a 1998 Subaru, which was traveling in a northwest direction on State Route 82, went off the roadway striking a mailbox and then came to rest on a wire guide rail on the east shoulder. A witness observed a man, child, and dog leave the scene on foot. Deputies located them a short time after the accident and discovered that a 10 year old child passenger in the vehicle sustained a bump to the head. Northern Dutchess Paramedics transported the child to Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Mitchell Keyes, 62, of Craryville, was arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated. He was charged with one count of Leandra's Law –Aggravated DWI with a Child Passenger under 16 years of age, a Class E Felony. A breathalyzer test was administered which yielded a .21% BAC. The child in the vehicle was his grandson.

Keyes was also charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the First Degree (Class E Felony), Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Class A Misdemeanor), and Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident (Class A Misdemeanor).

Keyes was arraigned before the Hon. Jeffrey Tallackson in Taghkanic Town Court and remanded to the Columbia County Jail with no bail. He will be appearing back in court on August 21.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office were Deputy Kris Bauhoff and Deputy Jason Garvey.

Assisting at the scene were Northern Dutchess Paramedics, Taghkanic Fire Department, and the New York State Police.