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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES PHARMACY MEDICAL VAN ACCIDENT

Hillsdale, NY- Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that at about 12:10 pm today, Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff's Deputies to a one vehicle accident on State Route 22, just south of Dugway Road, in the Town of Hillsdale.

Deputies found that a 2012 Ford box truck, operated by 55 year old Clifton Stillman of Pittsfield Massachusetts, was traveling southbound on State Route 22. The truck crossed the center line striking a guard rail on the east side of roadway, went back across center line striking a guard rail on west side of roadway, and then tipped over on the driver's side of the truck where it came to rest. The driver was not injured in the crash.

The truck is registered to T&C Flynn's Pharmacy from Pittsfield Massachusetts and they do home oxygen and pharmacy deliveries. It was discovered at the scene that 3-950lb oxygen tanks aboard were leaking, so the Columbia County Hazmat Team and Columbia County Emergency Management responded to the scene. The Sheriff's Office Command vehicle also responded to the scene to assist with communications.

Also assisting at the scene were the Community Rescue Squad, Austerlitz Fire Department, and the Columbia County Fire Coordinator.

The accident is still under investigation. State Route 22 was closed for approximately 4.5 hours.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office were Deputy David Proper, Deputy Thomas Merante, and Deputy Patrick Mayo.