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Press Release

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The New Paltz Police Department is investigating a multi-vehicle automobile accident resulting in the death of a 23 year old male.

At approximately 10:40 p.m. on Friday July 16, 2010 New Paltz Police were dispatched to a report of a serious motor vehicle accident on Brookside Rd. in the Town of New Paltz. Arriving officers found the victim, Frank Perconti of Brookside Rd, New Paltz lying on the roadway with his Yamaha “dirt bike” style motorcycle a short distance away in the middle of the roadway. Perconti, who was not wearing a motorcycle helmet, suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead by the Ulster County Medical Examiner’s office on the scene.

A police investigation led officers to Clinton Roehrs, age 22, also of Brookside Rd, New Paltz who is believed to be traveling along with Perconti in his pickup truck. With the assistance of the New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and Forensic Identification Unit, investigators believe there was contact between Roehrs’ truck and Perconti’s motorcycle. Police are also investigating whether a third vehicle, an All-Terrain-Vehicle operated by Brookside Road Resident Kurt Zielinski was also directly involved.

Roehrs was subsequently arrested by New Paltz Police and charged with;

- Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor
- Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Accident, a class D Felony

Roehrs was arraigned by New Paltz Town Justice Jonathan Katz and remanded to the Ulster County Jail on \$5,000.00 cash bail to return on July 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

This investigation is ongoing and additional arrests and charges are possible.

The New Paltz Police Department was assisted on the scene by the New Paltz Rescue Squad and the New Paltz Fire Department. Anyone with information on the accident is asked to contact the New Paltz Police Department Detective Division at 845.255.1357. All calls will be kept confidential. Anonymous tips can also be left on the department’s website at www.newpaltzpolice.org.