



Town of Mansfield Police Department

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Press Release

On April 15, 2023, at approximately 8:30 am, Officer Pepicelli of the dayshift radioed that he happened upon a motor vehicle crash on East Street adjacent to the rear entrance of the Mansfield High School. It was determined that a gray Toyota Corolla and a white Ford Explorer were involved. As officers were assessing the vehicle occupants, an elderly male seat belted in the rear passenger seat of the Corolla appeared to be in distress. The male was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead approximately an hour later. The remainder of the occupants in both vehicles reported minor injuries.

Due to the unknown circumstances of the elderly male's condition, the scene was secured and a request for an accident reconstructionist from the Massachusetts State Police was requested. Also due to the eventual death of an occupant, the Bristol County District Attorney's Office has assumed investigative authority. Detectives from Mansfield Police and Troopers from the Bristol County District Attorney's Office Investigative Unit (CPAC) are working on the investigation.

A juvenile operating the Corolla as a student of the Teachers Driving Academy (TDA) was cited for causing the accident when failing to yield to oncoming traffic. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending family notification. The investigation continues and any additional requests for information should be directed to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office.