


**CHILMARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHILMARK, MA**
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INCIDENT #2021001064 DATA

As Of 09/09/2021 11:13:26

BASIC INFORMATION

<u>CASE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APT/UNIT #</u>
IOZZO FATAL MOPED MVA	RIDGE HILL RD & SOUTH RD	
<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u>	
08/28/2021 11:58:16	On or about 08/28/2021 11:58	
<u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u>		
(MVAPI)MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: PERSONAL INJURY		

PERSONS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>
OWNER/OPERATOR	DEVANEY, DANIEL JAMES	MALE	
VEHICLE OWNER	KING'S RENTALS OF MV LLC,		
OPERATOR	GALUSKA, JACK C	MALE	WHITE
PASSENGER	IOZZO, HANNAH MALANY	FEMALE	
PASSENGER	DEVANEY, PATRICIA	FEMALE	
WITNESS	ROBINSON, BENJAMIN F	MALE	WHITE

[NO OFFENDERS]
VEHICLES

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>REG #</u>	<u>STATE</u>
DESTROYED/DAMAGED/VANDALIZED		2016	LEXS	RX		3ZB837	MA

<u>STOLEN \$</u>	<u>REC CODE</u>	<u>DATE REC</u>	<u>REC \$</u>	<u>REC BY</u>
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DESTROYED/DAMAGED/VANDALIZED 2018 GENU VENTURE 33991 MA

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[NO PROPERTY]

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DATE/TIME OF REPORT

08/29/2021 12:19:58

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NARRATIVE

On Saturday August 28, 2021 at approximately 11:58 AM Chilmark Police were dispatched to a moped accident with serious injuries on South Road in the area of Ridge Hill Road. I, Sergeant Sean Slavin, started responding from the Squibnocket Beach parking lot and Officer Elizabeth Rogers responded from the Flea Market at 141 North Road. While en route the Communication Center advised there were two patients and CPR was in progress for one of the patients.

I arrived on scene simultaneously with Officer Rogers. There were several EMTs and Paramedics already on scene rendering aid. Officer Rogers started rendering aid on the injured male. I observed a male patient (Galuska) with serious injuries lying on the ground but conscious. I heard the male operator yelling that "the fucking moped wouldn't turn". The female patient (Iozzo) was unconscious and CPR was in progress. There was a heavily damaged moped lying on the ground next to the injured patients.

I spoke to the operator of a Jeep MA reg-2LW15, Robert McInnis who stated he saw the whole thing. McInnis stated he was driving behind the vehicle that the moped collided with. McInnis stated the moped left its lane and ran into the front of the black Lexus. McInnis reported seeing the female passenger being "catapulted" off the moped over the vehicle to where she landed. McInnis provided a written statement via email on 9/3/2021 which is included in the case folder here is a summary of the statement: McInnis was traveling East on South Road and was third in line behind 2 SUV's with a few more cars further behind. McInnis was looking ahead when he noticed mopeds coming around the corner towards him. McInnis saw one of the mopeds very close to the center line and actually wondered what he was doing, the moped then drifted over the center line and hit the 2nd SUV in front of him head on. The operator, passenger and moped were thrown over the SUV with the operator landing in McInnis lane in front of the following SUV which was directly in front of McInnis. The moped and passenger landed in the westbound lane and then bounced over to the

shoulder of the road. When the operator hit the ground he bounced and rolled a couple of times. McInnis jumped out of his vehicle and ran to the female passenger whose helmet came off when she bounced from the road to the shoulder as McInnis passed it laying in the street. McInnis stated there was a large amount of blood coming from under the female passengers head but he wasn't sure where it was coming from. The male operator was now sitting up in the street screaming the female's name. The male had serious injuries to his arm and leg which were in very bad shape. The operator managed to get up and walk over and McInnis told him to lay down until help arrived. McInnis stated the operator was wearing his helmet while driving the moped but wasn't sure if he took it off when he sat up or one of the people helping took it off at the scene once he got to the side of the road.

I briefly spoke to Ben Robinson who stated he witnessed the crash as well. Robinson stated the moped crossed the double yellow lines and struck the oncoming vehicle head on.

I then spoke to a couple who were standing close to the two patients on the side of the road who were distraught. I asked if they had seen the accident and they informed me they were the parents of the female patient. The mother was identified as Heidi Murray and the step father as Adam Murray.

I then spoke to Daniel Devaney, the operator of the black Lexus, MA registration 3ZB837. Devaney stated he was driving 'Down Island' East when a moped veered out of its lane and struck the front of his vehicle. Devaney stated he had no time to react it happened so fast. Devaney stated that he wasn't going very fast, maybe 25-30 MPH and he and his wife Patricia had just come from getting ice cream in Menemsha. There was moderate damage to the driver's side of the Lexus, including the front bumper/headlight assembly, punctured tire, missing side mirror and dents and scrapes down the driver's side of the vehicle.

The female patient (Iozzo) was loaded onto the ambulance and transported to Martha's Vineyard Hospital. The male patient (Galuska) was transported to Martha's Vineyard Airport where Med Flight transported him to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI. It is my understanding a good Samaritan transported Heidi and Adam Murray to Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

I spoke to a male who was also on a moped traveling with the Murrays and the injured parties. Francis Murray stated that he is Iozzo's uncle (Adam Murray's brother) and was traveling on a moped by himself in front of both Galuska/Iozzo and both Murrays therefore he did not see the crash.

I notified the Communication Center to contact the Massachusetts State Police and to request the MSP accident reconstruction team to respond due to the serious injuries.

Trooper Robert Branca responded to start the preliminary accident

information gathering and general reconstruction.

The MSP Collision Analysis & Reconstruction Section (CARS) will do a full crash reconstruction. The following is the preliminary accident narrative done by Trooper Branca and myself (Sergeant Sean Slavin):

The posted speed limit of this section of South Road is 40 MPH.

Vehicle 1, 2016 Lexus ES 350 bearing MA Registration 3ZB837 was traveling East on South Road. The Lexus was operated by Daniel Devaney and his passenger Patricia Devaney (wife).

Vehicle 2, 2018 Genuine Venture MA Moped Registration 33991 owned by Kings Rentals of MV LLC was operated by Jack Galuska with his passenger Hannah Iozzo. The eyewitness accounts and preliminary accident evidence shows that the moped was traveling West on South Road. As the moped operated by Galuska passed Stonewood Lane it left its travel lane, crossed over the double yellow lines and entered the travel lane of the oncoming Lexus which was traveling East on South Road operated by Daniel Devaney. The moped struck the front driver's side bumper/headlight, punctured the front driver's side tire of the Lexus and took off it's side mirror. The passengers of the moped were then thrown off the moped and the moped itself was thrown to the edge of the road. Both the moped and it's occupants ended up in generally the same location on the shoulder westbound lane. Preliminary measurements showed the moped traveled 36 feet from the point of impact to the rear wheel of where the moped came to rest. There was heavy damage to the moped including a punctured front tire, heavily damaged steering column, handle bars, side body and seat assembly. After the accident Devaney drove the Lexus a short distance up the road to pull to a safe space. Due to the front flat tire there were visible groove marks in the pavement from the rim. The preliminary distance measured from the point of impact to final resting spot where Devaney pulled off the road is 200 feet. I used pole #1/23 as a reference point and the distance from that pole to the point of impact was 54 feet. The point of impact was approximately 23 inches from the double yellow line in the Eastbound lane where Devaney was operating the Lexus.

Iozzo was transported to Martha's Vineyard Hospital via Tri Town Ambulance. Galuska was transported to Martha's Vineyard Airport by Tri Town ambulance where he was Med Flighted to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI.

The Chilmark Police were notified by Tri Town Ambulance that the female passenger did not survive her injuries.

The vehicles were photographed as well as the scene.

On Sunday August 29, 2021 I met Trooper Alan Pena-Mejia of the Collision Analysis & Reconstruction Section at the crash site with Trooper Branca.

Trooper Pena-Mejia took all pertinent measurements of the crash site. I then took Trooper Pena-Mejia to JWL Towing secured lot to inspect the moped and the Lexus involved in the crash. Trooper Pena-Mejia will provide the accident reconstruction at the conclusion of his investigation. On Monday August 30, 2021 Trooper Branca obtained the handwritten maintenance log from Kings Rentals for the moped.

On Tuesday August 31, 2021 Trooper Branca arranged for the moped to be inspected by ASE certified mechanic Will DeBettencourt of Binks Auto Repair. DeBettencourt will produce a report of the of the overall mechanical condition of the moped. Specific emphasis on the steering mechanism based on the reports of the operator (Galuska). DeBettencourt provided a report on the moped indicating the only signs of damage were accident related.

On Wednesday September 1, 2021 I filed the required fatal accident notification record with Mass DOT/RMV. Galuska's right to operate was suspended pending a hearing with the RMV.

Ben Robinson provided a written witness statement via email on Thursday, September 2, 2021. Other witness statements are still pending.

OFFICER SIGNATURES

Reporting Officer: _____ Date: _____
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Approving Officer: _____ Date: _____
KLAREN, J