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Fatal Traffic Accident in Bowdoin

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On February 1, 2016 at 10:24 PM the Sagadahoc County Communications received a report of a motor vehicle accident on Route 201 in the town of Bowdoin. Sheriff's deputies responded to a scene and located a single vehicle with a lone occupant. The accident was reported to be near Rocky Ridge Orchard.

The operator was identified as Mira R. Graziano, age 18, of Bowdoin. The vehicle was a 2002 Ford Explorer SUV. Ms. Graziano, who was not wearing a seatbelt, died at the scene.

According to Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry, "The vehicle was traveling north on Augusta Road when it apparently veered off the road and struck a tree. Because the driver was not wearing a seatbelt she sustained serious injuries that caused the fatality."

According to Sheriff Merry, "It is unknown exactly what caused the accident to occur. As part of any fatal accident investigation, deputies will trace the operator's whereabouts prior to the accident and whether there was any impairment."

The accident remains under investigation and the lead investigator is Deputy Steve Thibeault. He was assisted at the scene by Cpl. Ian Alexander and Dep. Bob Mayer. The accident is being reconstructed by members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office. The Bowdoin Fire Department and EMS assisted at the scene as well.

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