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Wallingford Police Investigate Double Fatal Accident on Barnes Road (Route 68)

The Wallingford Police Department Traffic Division is investigating a fatal, two-vehicle head-on collision involving a 2022 Hyundai Tuscon SUV and a 2014 Subaru Forester Wagon that occurred on Barnes Road (Route 68) just west of North Farms Road in Wallingford. This collision occurred on November 2, 2021 at approximately 3:37 P.M.

The operator of the Subaru Forester was identified as Prabhudas Patel, age 83, of Wallingford. The operator of the Hyundai Tuscon was identified as Stephanie Napolitano, age 46, of Meriden. Patel and Napolitano were transported to Yale New Haven Hospital where they both later were pronounced deceased. The preliminary investigation, which is ongoing, revealed that Patel was operating his Subaru Forester eastbound on Route 68 when it collided with the Hyundai Tuscon operated by Napolitano which was traveling westbound on Route 68.

Members of the Wallingford Police Traffic Division responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The Wallingford Fire Department also responded to the scene to assist.

Vehicular traffic was affected for several hours to allow the Wallingford Police Department Traffic Division to conduct their investigation. Please contact Officer Christian Evans at 203-294-2819 with any information.

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