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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Lieutenant Anthony DeMaio Traffic Division Wallingford Police Department August 30, 2020 @ 8:30 AM

## Serious Motorcycle Collision on N. Branford Road in Wallingford

The Wallingford Police Department Traffic Division is investigating a serious one-vehicle collision involving a 2016 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle that occurred on North Branford Road just south of its intersection with Scard Road. This collision occurred on August 30, 2020 at approximately 2:30 A.M.

The operator of the motorcycle, who was identified as Christopher Tolento, age 41, of Meriden was transported from the scene to Yale New Haven Hospital where he is receiving treatment for injuries sustained in the collision. The investigation, which is ongoing, revealed that Tolento was traveling in a south bound direction on North Branford Road prior to the collision. After Tolento passed the intersection of Scard Road he encountered a slight left curve in the roadway. Tolento's motorcycle struck the curbing along the right edge of the roadway where he then travelled off the right side of the roadway and struck a utility pole, which caused Tolento to separate from the motorcycle.

Vehicular traffic was affected for several hours to allow the Wallingford Police Department Traffic Division to reconstruct the collision. Anyone who witnessed this collision, or has information about the whereabouts of Tolento on the evening of Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> is encouraged to call Officer Christian Evans at 203-294-2819 or Lt. Anthony DeMaio at 203-294-2838.