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Single Vehicle Fatal Accident in Wallingford

On May 6th, 2024, at approximately 6:45 pm, Wallingford Police Department received calls from citizens who observed a white 2007 Ford Econoline van, driving eastbound on the westbound lane of Church Street near the intersection with Hope Hill Road. The van then drove off the right shoulder of the roadway hitting a pedestrian crossing sign, then making contact with a utility pole at Church Street and New Place Street. The impact caused tension to the wires which resulted in an additional pole snapping. The van then drove on the property of United Methodist Church running over flower beds, striking a small tree then a log causing the van to rollover on its right side on the property of 377 Church Street. The van came to a complete stop two feet away from the home not making contact.

The operator of the van was identified as Michael Beauvais, age 65, of Wallingford. Beauvais was transported to Mid-State Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The preliminary investigation, revealed that Beauvais was not wearing a seat belt.

The Wallingford Police Traffic Division responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. Please contact Officer Christian Evans at (203)294-2819 with information or www.police.wallingford.gov