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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 11/10/2017 at approximately 2012 hours Portsmouth Police responded to West Main across from the Raytheon complex for the report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Upon Officers' arrival they observed two vehicles in the roadway. The preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle driven by Houston Smith, a twenty year old Jamaica Plain Massachusetts resident, was traveling south bound on West Main Rd. Smith's vehicle then crossed the double yellow lane divider in the roadway and collided with an oncoming vehicle traveling north bound on West Main Rd. Smith the sole occupant, was extricated from his vehicle by the Portsmouth Fire Department and taken to Newport Hospital. Smith was later transferred to Rhode Island Hospital due to his injuries.

The three occupants of the vehicle that was struck traveling north bound were also extricated from their vehicle by the Portsmouth Fire Department and taken to Newport Hospital. The occupants of that vehicle, a 90 year old Portsmouth woman and a 59 year old Little Compton man died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. A 58 year old Little Compton woman that was operating the vehicle was transferred to Rhode Island Hospital with injuries sustained in the collision. Anyone that witnessed the accident are asked to contact the Portsmouth Police Detective Division at 401-683-0994 or the general line at 401-683-0300. The accident remains under investigation at this time.

**Detective Lieutenant Michael C. Arnold**