

Crash claims life of local motorist

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RYE | Police investigated an early Saturday morning crash that claimed the life of a local man.

Rye police received a call at approximately 5:49 a.m. reporting a crash on Route 1A and arrived to find a 2001 Chrysler Town and Country mini-van roughly 25 feet off the road on a pile of rocks.

Jhamie Dye, 20, of 13 Mountain View Terrace, was pronounced dead at the scene of the wreck along the rocky coastal area near Wallis Sands Beach. Police believe Dye was the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle.

It appears the vehicle was traveling north along 1A when it went off the road and flipped, landing right side up amongst the rocks.

Police from Rye, North Hampton, Greenland and the state were on the scene

along with Rye firefighters. Rye police along with aid of New Hampshire State Police were still in the process of investigating the accident as of press time.

Rye Police Chief Kevin Walsh said his department is awaiting results from a toxicology report as well as a report from state police regarding any possible mechanical problems the vehicle may have had.

He said there had been little in the way of witness statements with those contacting police stating they may have heard noises related to the incident.

"If anybody saw anything we are asking them to contact us," said Walsh. "It could help us put the puzzle together."

Rye police are asking those who may have information regarding the crash to contact them at (603) 964-5522 or (603) 964-7450.