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FATAL CRASH UNDER INVESTIGATION

On 02-05-12 at 10:37am, Auburn Police and Auburn Fire Department responded to the intersection of Minot Avenue and Allain St. for a two car crash.

A silver Audi operated by 43y/o Rick Farr of Auburn was traveling east on Minot Avenue when it was struck by a westbound Jeep Cherokee hauling a snowmobile trailer, operated by 37y/o Matthew Harris of Arundel.

The impact of the crash split the Audi in half and sent the Jeep Cherokee into a telephone pole, bringing down the primary power lines. CMP had to cut power to the area for the safety of the first responders to operate at the scene.

Farr, who was alone in the vehicle, was killed instantly. Harris is currently in critical condition at Central Maine Medical Center. Harris's passenger, 35y/o Sherri Walkeling of Arundel is in satisfactory condition at Central Maine Medical Center.

Preliminary investigation shows that Harris may have experienced some type of medical event just prior to the accident, causing him to lose control of the vehicle. The crash remains under investigation and Auburn Police is being assisted by an accident reconstructionist from the Maine State Police. Auburn Public Works, United Ambulance, Central Maine Power, Fairpoint Communications and Time Warner Cable also assisted us at the scene.

Minot Avenue will remain closed until approximately 7:00pm while the accident is reconstructed and utility crews work to restore services to the area.