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FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

Auburn Police Department is investigating a fatal car crash that occurred in the area of 1580 Riverside Drive. Auburn Police and Auburn Fire responded to Riverside Drive at 5:52am to find two vehicles that had collided and the vehicles occupants were trapped inside, requiring extrication.

20y/o Tara Chase of New Gloucester was traveling north on Riverside Drive when she lost control of her Saturn and skidded into the path of a Chevy Impala traveling southbound operated by 60y/o Leo Leclair of Auburn.

Chase was killed instantly. Leclair and his three passengers were transported to Central Maine Medical Center where they are currently in satisfactory condition.

Preliminary investigation indicates that imprudent speed and weather conditions may have been factors in the crash. Auburn Police is being assisted in the traffic investigation by an accident reconstructionist from the Maine State Police.

