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PRESS RELEASE

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On Friday, October 14, 2022, at about 9:22 p.m., Sheriff's Office patrols responded to the area of 2633 State Route 26 in the Town of Maine for a reported accident involving a car and a pedestrian. Upon arrival of emergency personnel bystanders were performing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on a male, later identified as 78-year-old John Meehan, of Binghamton.

A subsequent police investigation determined that Mr. Meehan was walking in an easterly direction across State Route 26 when he entered the northbound lane and walked directly in front of a vehicle that was traveling northbound on State Route 26. The vehicle, a 2017 Nissan 370Z, was operated by 77-year-old Bernard Allen, of Endicott. Mr. Meehan suffered blunt force trauma to his head. He was transported to Wilson Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

State Route 26 was closed to traffic for approximately three hours. Members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office accident reconstruction team and a detective responded to the scene for further investigation. Witnesses at the scene reported that Mr. Allen was not traveling at an excessive speed. Nor did he exhibit any signs of being impaired. Upon inspecting the vehicle, no defects were found. The posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour. The roadway is unlit and there is no crosswalk where the accident occurred. No traffic tickets nor charges have been filed at the time of this release.