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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident in Colesville

(TOWN OF COLESVILLE) On May 15th, 2023 around 4:39 am, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Route I-88 westbound near Exit 6 in Harpursville for a one-car motor vehicle accident.

Responding patrols located a 2013 Nissan SUV upside down in a ditch along Bates Rd. The vehicle had been traveling West on Route I-88 when the vehicle failed to negotiate a right hand turn in the highway and entered the center median. The vehicle then went down an embankment, flipping end over end before coming to rest upside down in the ditch along Bates Rd.

The vehicle operator and sole occupant, Giovanna Criscitello, 54 yrs. old of Afton, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle when it flipped end over end.

Giovanna was transported by ambulance to Wilson Hospital for multiple severe injuries. Giovanna succumbed to her injuries later in the day.

"Always wear your seatbelt, it cannot be stressed enough," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "This tragic accident and many like it only further underscore the importance of safe motor vehicle operation. The Broome County Sheriff's Office offers our condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Criscitello."

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