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Media Release

The Broome County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a two-car fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred on State Route 79 in the Town of Barker this morning.

At about 6:27am Sheriff's Office patrols responded to a report of a serious accident involving a pick-up truck and a passenger sedan. Upon arrival of emergency medical personnel and law enforcement they found 37-year-old Justin Chordas, of Chenango Forks, NY, unconscious and trapped in a 2010 Chevrolet HHR with serious, life-threatening injuries. Also involved was a 2013 Ford F-250 pick-up truck operated by 42-year-old Mark McLain of Lisle, NY. McLain was alert and conscious complaining of back and knee pain. Chordas was extricated by fire department personnel utilizing the jaws of life. He was transported to Wilson hospital where he pronounced dead at about 7:35am. McLain was also transported to Wilson hospital and was still being evaluated at the time of this release. Preliminary data indicates that Chordas was entering the roadway from a driveway while McLain was traveling southeast on State Route 79 towards the hamlet of Chenango Forks when the crash occurred.

The crash is under investigation by the Broome County Sheriff's Office accident reconstruction unit. Further information will be released at a later time.

As a result of the accident the roadway was closed to vehicular traffic from 7:10am to 9:55am. The roadway is currently open.