

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Sheriff

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## Deputies Investigating Crash in Town of Salina

### UPDATE 1600 hrs:

The tow operator, identified as Israel Martinez (48) of Syracuse, is still in critical condition at Upstate University Hospital.

Richard Congel (75) of Clay was arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs. He was operating a red Ford Explorer and is currently in the custody of Deputies.

The investigation is still active and more information will be released as it becomes available.

**Town of Salina, New York** – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a serious crash involving a pedestrian and a single vehicle that occurred at this morning on Onondaga Lake Parkway.

This morning at approximately 11:11am, sheriff's deputies along with rescue personnel responded to a reported crash involving a pedestrian on Onondaga Lake Parkway. Deputies investigating the crash report that a tow truck operator was securing a vehicle to his truck when he was struck by a passing vehicle. The male was rushed to Upstate University Hospital with life-threatening injuries. The vehicle and operator of the other vehicle stayed on scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

Deputies are still in the preliminary stages of the investigation and have closed a portion of Onondaga Lake Parkway while members of the Sheriff's Office Accident Investigation Team process the scene.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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