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Deputies Continue to Investigate Fatal Crash in the Town of Clay

Town of Clay, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the fatal crash that occurred yesterday evening involving a single vehicle on Henry Clay Blvd in the Town of Clay.

On June 1st, 2022, at approximately 7:35 P.M., sheriff's deputies along with rescue personnel from the Moyers Corners and Clay Fire Department responded to Henry Clay Blvd between Waterhouse Road and Wetzel Road for a reported crash involving a vehicle that rolled over several times. Deputies investigating the crash interviewed witnesses who reported that the vehicle, a 2002 Honda Accord, was observed traveling southbound on Henry Clay Blvd at a high rate of speed before the driver lost control of the vehicle and drove off the east side of the road. Upon the vehicle leaving the roadway, it struck a culvert, became airborne, and struck several trees before coming to rest. The front seat passenger, identified as 15-year-old Benjamin Foster on Central Square, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver, identified as Nathan Barr (20) of Clay, sustained multiple injuries and required extrication tools to free him from the wreckage. Three additional passengers, a 17-year-old male, a 14-year-old male and a 14-year-old female, who were seated in the rear of the vehicle, all self-extricated prior to first responders arriving on scene. The driver and the rear seat passengers were transported to Upstate University Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver and front passenger were both wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash and the posted speed limited on Henry Clay Blvd is 45 mph. The investigation is ongoing however, preliminarily, speed appears to have played a role in a crash.

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