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Driver is dragged to his death after highway crash

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WILLIAM
JAY

The early morning accident on Route 95 results in the death of a Warwick man.

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CRANSTON — A Warwick man was killed on Route 95 early yesterday morning after he

survived a spectacular crash, crawled out of his car onto the highway and was hit by an oncoming car.

The state police said William Busby, of 265 Eaton Ave., was driving south on Route 95 when his car hit the rear of a large truck that continued traveling

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south, while Busby's vehicle careened out of control.

Upon striking the truck, just south of the Laurens Street overpass, Busby's 1999 Mazda zigzagged across the highway, shortly before 2 a.m.

It crossed from the right side of the road to the high-speed lane and then traveled in reverse across the highway back toward the righthand lane, the state police said.

The Mazda drove up onto the grassy embankment and then over the embankment, again crossing all four lanes before coming to a rest partially in the high-speed breakdown lane.

At that point, the injured Busby crawled out of the car and lay in the high-speed lane, said state police Lt. John Virgilio.

Several motorists had pulled over and one of them was trying to talk to Busby, when a 1995 Oldsmobile approached in the high-speed lane.

The Oldsmobile struck Busby and dragged him about 30 feet, according to the police. The police said the Oldsmobile was driven by Stephen Beckler, 57, of 53 Field St., Seekonk.

Busby was pronounced dead at the scene. The crash is still under investigation. Virgilio said it wasn't clear how fast Busby was

traveling or whether alcohol played a factor. No charges had been filed last night.

Investigators are awaiting results from the state medical examiner's office.

BUSBY, William Jay

September 13, 2003. Residence: 265 Eaton Ave., Warwick. Devoted son of William and Marjorie (Kessler) Busby of Warwick. Dear brother of Eric S. Busby of Providence. Loving grandson of Anna (Boyajian) Busby of Cranston and the late George Busby, and Lillian (Seltzer) Kessler of West Palm Beach, FL and the late Lester Kessler. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 PM in TEMPLE SINAI, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Shiva will be private. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.