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Samaritan is killed while aiding motorist

JAMESTOWN — A driver who tried to be a good Samaritan was killed instantly early today when he stopped to help a woman whose car had caught fire.

Jamestown police said Cynthia O. Roller, 32, of 4 Brooks St., Newport, was driving south on East Shore Road, when a fire broke out in the engine of her car.

Police said that when she pulled to the side of the road, another car stopped, and its driver, Melvin G. Rosen, 51, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., asked if he could help. As he got out of his car, police said, a car driven by a 47-year-old North Kingstown man struck him.

A female companion of Rosen's was injured in the crash and taken to Newport Hospital. Police did not immediately identify her.

Police said Rosen, a Providence resident until he moved to Florida four years ago, was dead when they arrived. They put out the fire and arrested Wilfred F. Labason of 660 Davisville Rd., North Kingstown, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving to endanger. He was held overnight in the town jail.

Police said Labason, a civilian employe at the Newport Naval Base, was driving north on East Shore Road at the time of the accident.

Labason entered no plea at his arraignment today before District Court Judge Michael Higgins in Newport. The judge released him on $15,000 surety bail. The case is to go before a grand jury Jan. 19.

Obituaries

Melvin G. Rosen

Hit by car as he stopped to help motorist in Jamestown

PROVIDENCE — Melvin G. Rosen, 51, a Providence resident most of his life until moving to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., four years ago, died early this morning when he was struck by a car in Jamestown as he stopped to help a woman whose car had caught fire.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Mrs. Helen (Rand) Rosen of Providence, and the late Herman Rosen.

He was a real estate broker and a member of Temple Emanu-El for many years where he was an usher. He was past president of the Providence Board of Realtors.

Besides his mother, he leaves two sons, Howard S. Rosen and Hugh E. Rosen, both of Denver, Colo.; and a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Brown of East Providence.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Park, Warwick.