Cranston man, 66, retrieving his hat, hit by car, dies

DARTMOUTH, Mass. — A Cranston man, who stopped to retrieve his hat after it fell from his car on Route 195, was fatally injured when he was struck by a car yesterday about 10 a.m., state police said.

Samuel Tedlow, 66, of 74 East Bel Air Rd. was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, where he died yesterday afternoon, officials said.

State Trooper Richard A. Souza said the hat apparantly "flew out a window and fell on the median strip."

Mr. Tedlow stopped in the breakdown lane, then ran through traffic and across the westbound lanes to retrieve the hat, and was struck by a car driven by Carol B. Ehman, 34, of 8 Roadway St., Tiverton, Souza said.

The accident remains under investigation, but no charges have been filed against the driver, Souza added.

Mr. Tedlow was a self-employed shoe salesman for more than 25 years. He was the husband of Ann (Barles) Tedlow.

Born in Detroit, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston 16 years ago.

Mr Tedlow was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Evelyn Paster of East Providence; three sons, Jay Tedlow of Cranston, Lowell Leonard of Clearwater, Fla., and Melvin Tedisky of Putnam, Conn.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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