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## **PRESS RELEASE**

09/22/2010 @ 2143 HRS – Seneca County Sheriff's Deputies investigated a two vehicle personal injury accident that occurred on Route 5 in the Town of Waterloo. Deputies report that a vehicle being operated by Sarah N. Durkee, 28, of Penn Yan, New York was west bound on Route 5 when a second vehicle being operated by Tim J. Stahlnecker, 22, of Waterloo, New York also westbound approached from behind and failed to slow for Durkee's vehicle and struck it in the rear forcing Durkee's vehicle off the road. Durkees' vehicle then struck a utility pole, breaking it in half and then struck a fire hydrant before coming to rest. Durkee was transported to Geneva General Hospital with pain in her neck and back by North Seneca Ambulance. A passenger in Durkees' vehicle, Vilma J. Perez, 41, of Geneva, New York was also transported to Geneva General Hospital by North Seneca Ambulance with leg pain and difficulty breathing due to inhaling the dust from the airbag. Stahlnecker was treated at the scene for knee pain by North Seneca Ambulance and released. Durkee's vehicle was extensively damaged and towed from the scene. Stahlnecker's vehicle was also towed from the scene. NYSEG was called to the scene to replace the pole due to the heavy amount of wires and instability of the pole.