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PRESS RELEASE

Date: Friday, May 6, 2022
Case #: 17ES06264
From: Lt. Robert Kissinger

On Thursday, November 09, 2017 at approximately 9:51pm the Essex Police received multiple calls regarding a one vehicle collision on Susie Wilson Road at the entrance to Lowes in Essex. Responding officers determined the operator was under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Essex Police Department for processing.

The operator was identified as Riley Watkins, 25 of Essex, VT. Watkins was charged with DUI with Death Resulting and [REDACTED] and subsequently lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility. Bail was set at \$2,500.00.

The female passenger was pronounced dead at the UVM Medical Center. The female's name is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The following agencies responded to assist with the accident, Essex Town Fire, Essex Jct. Fire and Essex Rescue.

The investigation is ongoing at this time.