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Sub: Fatal motor vehicle crash

12:18 p.m., December 21 Middlebury Police were notified of a multi-vehicle accident on Route 7 South in Middlebury just north of the Salisbury Town Line. A northbound tractor trailer unit with an empty trailer went out of control and collided with a southbound dump truck and two cars. The accident resulted in 3 people injured including one fatality and closed Route 7 for a period of time. Three other occupants of the cars and truck were not injured. Casualties were transported to Porter Hospital in Middlebury by Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance. The Middlebury Fire Department also responded to the scene and assisted with scene stabilization and traffic. Officers from the Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit of the Department of Motor Vehicles responded as well.

The person who died in the accident was identified as Pierre Bilodeau, age 50 of Whiting, VT, the driver of the dump truck. A passenger in the dump truck was uninjured. The accident is currently under investigation by the Middlebury Police Department. Initial investigation indicates that a powerful wind gust may have caused the tractor trailer to lose control.