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### NEWS RELEASE

The East Lyme Police Department is investigating a motor vehicle crash that occurred on Route 161 in the area of Oak Hill Drive on Monday October 25, 2004 at 3:23 PM. Involved in the crash was a Honda Odyssey Station Wagon and a bicyclist.

The Honda Odyssey was traveling north on Route 161 in the area of Oak Hill drive and the bicyclist was traveling south on Route 161 at the time the crash occurred. The bicyclist was thrown onto the grass embankment from the impact with the vehicle and the vehicle continued northbound, striking the rock embankment before coming to a rest in the northbound lane of Route 161. East Lyme Police Officer Mellor arrived onto the scene immediately after the crash and rendered medical assistance until the Niantic Fire Department Ambulance arrived onto the scene.

Life Star flew the victim to Backus Hospital in Norwich, CT where he is listed in serious condition.

The victim's identity was unknown at the scene and for several hours afterwards. East Lyme Police Officer Hallbauer and East Lyme Police Officer Watson made numerous calls to the various phone numbers found on the victim's cell phone, until a family member was finally located.

Family members have been notified and arrived at Backus Hospital to make the positive identification of the victim. The victim is identified as Luis Guartazaca 06/26/79 of 11 Grand Street Niantic, CT.

The crash remains under investigation and anyone with information in regards to the crash is asked to contact Officer Hallbauer at the East Lyme Police Department at 860-739-5900.