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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE **Fatal Accident on Route 81 Under Investigation**

(BINGHAMTON, NY) The Broome County Sheriff's Office is currently investigation a fatal motor vehicle accident that took place on I-81 in the City of Binghamton, which claimed the life of one individual.

On Thursday, October 9, 2025 at approximately 11:05 AM, Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol and emergency personnel responded to a report of a 3-car motor vehicle accident on Route I-81 south at the off ramp of Exit 12 (old Exit 4).

Upon arrival, BCSO Road Patrol found a U-Haul truck on fire with the driver entrapped in the vehicle. BCSO members, along with members of the NYS Department of Transportation then worked to extinguish the flames until members of the Binghamton Fire Department arrived and successfully put out the fire.

Binghamton firefighters extricated the U-Haul operator from the vehicle and transported them to UHS Wilson Medical Center for treatment. At approximately 12:40 PM, the operator was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The initial investigation revealed that the U-Haul, towing a vehicle, was traveling south on Route 81 after merging from Route 17 eastbound and approaching the off ramp of Exit 12 (old Exit 4). A red SUV, also traveling southbound on Route 81 from Route 17 eastbound, attempted to merge across several lanes to take the Exit 12 off-ramp and struck the U-Haul, causing the U-Haul operator to lose control and collide with a NYS DOT attenuator truck.

The accident is currently under investigation by the Broome County Sheriff's Accident Reconstruction Unit. Information on the deceased operator will be released pending notification of next of kin.

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