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Update on Pedestrian-Train Accident in Town of Fenton

(TOWN OF FENTON) A high school student has died after being struck by a train while walking along the train tracks in the Town of Fenton.

On May 30, 2023 at approximately 8:54 am, Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call of a pedestrian-train accident near the Crocker Hill Rd area of the Town of Fenton

The pedestrian, Jakob McCloe, a 17-year-old resident of Port Crane and student at Chenango Valley High School, was pronounced dead at the scene.

An investigation by Broome County Sheriff's Office detectives found McCloe had been walking westbound on the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks near Crocker Hill Rd. McCloe appeared to be wearing noise-canceling headphones and was unable to hear the train approaching as he walked. The engineer of the train attempted to signal multiple times to get McCloe's attention but he still appeared unaware that the train was approaching. The engineer was unable to stop the train, and at 8:53am, McCloe was struck and killed.

"After a thorough investigation of the scene, extensive interviews and a review of camera footage of the train, our detectives have determined that this tragic loss of life was nothing other than a terrible accident," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "On behalf of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, our hearts go out to Jakob McCloe's family, friends and the students and faculty of the Chenango Valley High School community."

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