

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



**From
Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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News Release
Monday, July 27, 2026**

On July 17, 2026, around 4:22 PM, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office responded to Settle Road in the Town of Newark Valley for a report of a serious car versus motorcycle vehicle crash. The investigation determined that the motorcycle was traveling in a northerly direction on Settle Road when it failed to negotiate a curve, entered the south bound lane and struck another vehicle that was traveling south on Settle Road. The operator of the motorcycle, Riley J. Ayers succumbed to his injuries. The operator of the other vehicle, Bouasone Chansavath was transported to Wilson Hospital with injuries. The Tioga County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Tioga County Sheriff's Crash Investigation and Drone Unit, Newark Valley Fire Department, Campville Fire Department, Maine EMS and the New York State Police. The investigation into the crash is ongoing.

Approved by Undersheriff Hallett
Posted 7/27/26 2:45 PM by Diane Rockwell