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Driver Injured After Truck Drives Into Occupied Building

Hingham, MA – A 69 year old Brockton man was the only person injured Tuesday after his truck drove off the road and struck the side of an occupied business. Just before the crash numerous motorists called 9-1-1 reporting the truck driving erratically. Officers were on the way to intercept the truck and arrived just after it crashed.

On August 20, 2019 at 4:04pm Hingham Police received numerous 9-1-1 calls reporting a pick-up truck traveling south on Lincoln St. (Route 3A) near the Hingham Shipyard that was swerving across the center line, driving over the center median, and hit a sign that knocked off the driver's side mirror. The truck continued at a high rate of speed almost striking several oncoming cars head on.

It continued south on Route 3A (Summer St.). After passing North St. it and drove off the road, across the Santander Bank parking lot, through a row of shrubbery, across Water St., over curb and into the retaining wall at the Fruit Center Marketplace. It then became airborne, landing in the parking lot, and struck the Fruit Center building at 79 Water St. No customers or employees were injured and no other cars were damaged.

The driver was injured. He was not wearing a seat belt and was alone. He was transported to South Shore Hospital by Hingham Fire Department. His injuries are not life-threatening. A preliminary investigation indicates an ongoing medical condition and not alcohol or drugs as a primary factor in the crash. The truck, a 2012 Ford F350, was towed from the scene. Town Building Inspectors responded to the scene. The business reopened the next morning.

The driver was cited for: 1) Negligent Operation 2) Failure to Stay in Marked Lanes 3) Failure to Wear a Seat Belt. His name is not being released because he was not arrested. He will appear at a hearing on the charges at Hingham District Court at an undetermined date. A request was sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles to have his driver's license suspended as an immediate threat.

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