



# SHELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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On December 30, 2007 at approximately 1:00 AM the Shelton Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash on Canal St, north of Bridge St.. Responding officers found a motor vehicle traveling north on Canal St had left the traveled portion of the roadway to the left side, went through a page wire fence, hit a concrete culvert, went airborne and landed in the canal. The canal runs parallel to Canal St. The vehicle is a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria. The vehicle had sunk prior to the arrival of police.

The operator, identified as Diana Russell, age 41, of 61 New St Shelton and with the help of her passenger, identified as Joseph Euskotitz, age 17, of 71 Cliff St Shelton had exited the vehicle prior to the vehicle completely sinking. The only way out of the vehicle was through the rear window which had blown out on impact with the concrete culvert. Joseph Euskotitz is being credited with saving Diana Russell who was temporarily incapacitated from striking the windshield. Both Russell and Euskotitz were transported to Griffin Hospital for treatment of minor injuries and released.

At approximately 11:00 AM with assistance of the Fairfield Police Department Dive Team the vehicle was removed from the Canal. The accident is still under investigation at this time.

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