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Blood results reported for driver involved in fatal crash

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota has announced the results of the toxicology tests performed and analyzed by the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory for Thomas Smith, the Ridge man charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs after his 2011 Honda Ridgeline crashed into a tree April 14 killing two teenagers in the vehicle. Smith, 20, is free on \$150,000 bond.

Thomas Smith's blood showed evidence of the active ingredient of marijuana and levels of marijuana metabolite which is consistent with recent use. The testing by the crime lab did not find any controlled substances in the defendant's blood.

Smith's girlfriend, Jacqueline Salvador, 19, of Ridge, and friend Ryan Baumgartner, 17, of Rocky Point died in the crash when the vehicle struck a tree along William Floyd Parkway at 1:24 a.m. The victims were ejected from the vehicle.

Smith remains charged with a misdemeanor count of driving while ability impaired by drugs and the investigation into the crash continues.

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