



Police: Kingston man on drugs crashes car with child inside

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A Kingston man was driving under the influence of drugs with his 5-year-old daughter in the car when he rear-ended a minivan and rolled over on Interstate 95 in Newburyport, Mass., yesterday, police said.

Paul Damelio, 39, of 90 New Boston Road was driving a Nissan Maxima north about 11:30 a.m. when he struck a Ford Windstar shortly after Exit 57, according to state police.

The Maxima careened to the right and flipped several times before landing upside down, while the Windstar drove through the median and across all three lanes of southbound traffic before stopping in the breakdown lane.

Damelio and his daughter received minor injuries as did the minivan's two occupants.

The Kingston man was charged with driving while under the influence of drugs, driving to endanger, driving without a license and following too close. No other details on his alleged drug use were available.

Two lanes were shut down as emergency personnel responded. The Newburyport Police and Fire departments were called in along with the Amesbury Fire Department, state troopers and American Medical Response ambulance service.

Traffic was also briefly delayed on I-95 south.

All four people involved — Damelio and his 5-year-old daughter and the Windstar's driver and his wife — were taken to Anna Jaques Hospital.

The Windstar's driver, whose name was not available, was treated and released, but there were no details on his wife. Damelio walked out of the hospital before he could be treated, according to Deborah Chiaravalloti, vice president of public relations and marketing at Anna Jaques.

"We don't know his location," Chiaravalloti said. "He was seen by a doctor, but he left before we could assess his condition."

The state's Child Services office is also investigating the incident, according to state troopers. Details on the 5-year-old were not available.

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This car driven by Paul Damelio, 39, of Kingston was righted after it flipped over yesterday in Newburyport, Mass. Damelio and his 5-year-old daughter received minor injuries. Staff photo