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Police identify victim of Holden car accident

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HOLDEN— The victim of a fatal car accident on Salisbury Street Wednesday night was identified by police yesterday as Ian D. Leedom, 58, of 11 Ptarmigan Drive, Shrewsbury.

Police had withheld the name until yesterday afternoon, pending notification of next of kin.

No cause of death was available. Police said they were awaiting an autopsy report from the state medical examiner's office.

Police Lt. Donald A. Ball, who responded to the 9:30 p.m. accident, said he was told by a witness that Mr. Leedom had been driving normally and within the speed limit, but then unexpectedly sped up and began driving erratically.

Mr. Leedom's Volkswagen left the roadway, rolled over and struck a tree.

A portion of Salisbury Street was closed to traffic for about three hours while the Fire Department extricated Mr. Leedom from the car and the state police Accident Reconstruction Team worked at the scene.



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