

# 70-year old bicyclists struck in Taunton, 1 dead, 1 severely injured, driver charged with negligent operation

"A 76-year-old Seekonk man was killed this afternoon on North Walker Street in Taunton after he and another bicyclist were struck by a motor vehicle.

The deceased has been identified as Donald MacManus.

MacManus and a 72-year-old Attleboro man were riding their bicycles along North Walker Street today at around 2:25 pm when a 2009 Mercedes Benz being operated by a 62-year-old Mansfield man struck both bicyclists.

Mr. MacManus was rushed to Morton Hospital in Taunton, where he was pronounced deceased.

The Attleboro man was rushed to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment of significant trauma to his lower extremities.

The driver of the vehicle remained on scene, was interviewed by police and did not appear to be intoxicated. Although the investigation will remain ongoing during the coming days and weeks, the driver was cited today for Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation and will be summonsed into court at a later date set by the Taunton District Court Clerk's Office.

The potential defendant has a right to a a Clerk Magistrate hearing, at which time the magistrate will determine if probable cause exists to criminally charge the man.

Because he has not officially been charged criminally yet, his

identity will not be released at this time.”-Bristol County District Attorney’s Office.