

# New Bedford man charged after motor vehicle crash that kills Acushnet man

Jose Vaz, 43, of 232 Conduit St., New Bedford, who has been charged with motor vehicle homicide OUI liquor and operating to endanger following a motor vehicle accident Wednesday night that killed an Acushnet man, was arraigned in Third District Court Thursday on \$10,000 cash bail.

The two-vehicle accident happened at Plympton Street and Tarkiln Hill Road at about 10:48 p.m.

Mr. Vaz was driving west on Tarkiln Hill Road when he collided with a vehicle driven by John Leo Avery, 52, of 20 Main St. Apt. 1FR, Acushnet. Mr. Avery was driving east on Tarkiln Hill Road.

Mr. Avery was taken to Rhode Island Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries at 1:46 a.m. Thursday.

New Bedford Police and the State Police are continuing to investigate.

From our **Facebook page**: "That 52 year old man that was killed was the brother of 7 siblings. A father to 2 daughters and the grandfather of a beautiful little boy. He was a great uncle and great friend with a huge heart. My family is forever broken because of this mans stupidity. We thank all of you for your kind words." – Amber Lynne Ouimet

Video Carlos Pimentel Felix.