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FRANCESTOWN -- A 19-year-old Greenfield woman was killed during the early hours of Saturday morning after being thrown from the bed of a pickup on 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike North, after police say her best friend lost control of the vehicle and crashed.

Nicole Donovan, who died of her injuries at the crash scene after neighbors and rescuers tried to save her, was described by acquaintances as a popular, outgoing teenager and a 2003 graduate of ConVal High School.

State police arrested her best friend, Angelina Sands, 16, of Bennington, at Monadnock Community Hospital hours after the 12:40 a.m. crash and charged her with felony driving while intoxicated, police said in a press release.

There were four people in the 1994 Toyota pickup, two in the cab and two in back, when Sands lost control of the vehicle on a hilltop corner of a wet paved section in the northbound lane of the road, according to police and witness statements.

The front end of the truck apparently dug into the soft earth shoulder of the road in front of 1264 2nd NH Turnpike North and rolled side over side before coming to rest in the middle of the road on its passenger side, witnesses said.

Police identified the two other passengers in the truck as Christopher Crowell, 27, of Antrim, and Rory MacFarland, 20, of Frankestown.

'One of the worst'

Frankestown Fire Chief Donald Abbott was one of the first rescue workers to arrive at the crash and estimated he arrived three or four minutes after a neighbor called 911.

"It was probably right up there with one of the worst (accidents he has ever been to), because there were so many subjects to deal with," Abbott said. "Once we established there were only four, we prioritized which ones should go to the hospital first."

Sands, Crowell and MacFarland were all taken by ambulance to Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough where they were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Michelle Kazanovicz, who lives at 1312 2nd NH Turnpike North on the Frankestown/Deering line, was awake reading when she heard what she described as "a big, loud crash" and quickly ran outside to find out what happened.

"I ran up there, but I had left my cell phone here. So I ran back and called 911," Kazanovicz said.

She said the people involved in the accident seemed very upset so she told her 18-year-old daughter, Lindsey, to stay inside while she awoke her husband, Peter.

'You know everyone'

Michelle Kazanovicz said she saw Donovan before returning to the house but did not

realize the teen-ager was seriously injured.

"She didn't even have any blood on her. She was standing up," she said.

Lindsey Kazanovicz immediately ran out to the roadside after her mother came back in to make the emergency call.

"When I saw Nicky, I didn't think she wasn't going to be OK," the daughter said.

Lindsey Kazanovicz said she immediately recognized all the people involved in the crash from around town. She said she learned that the truck belonged to Crowell, who had been in the passenger seat at the time of the crash, and that MacFarland was riding in the truck's bed with Donovan.

"You live in Frankestown, you know everyone. I knew who they were," Lindsey Kazanovicz said. "It was really confusing. People were saying different things. They were just confused when I got up there."

'She just stopped'

She said she saw Sands tending to Donovan and suddenly realized that Donovan had stopped breathing.

"She was coughing and moving her head. She just stopped," she said.

First Sands tried to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, then Lindsey Kazanovicz stepped in with her CPR training, she said.

"You don't think about it. You just do it," Lindsey Kazanovicz said. "Angel (Sands) yelled at me to help her, so I did."

At first, she said she got Donovan to take a few breaths, and then the 19-year-old girl died in her and Sands' arms.

'Not really feeling it'

"I'm not really feeling it right now," Lindsey Kazanovicz said. "When I got there, she was alive. By the time my father got there, she wasn't breathing."

Michelle and Peter Kazanovicz took over trying to revive Donovan with CPR until the first emergency medical technicians arrived.

Lindsey Kazanovicz said she was relieved to see rescue workers were people she recognized from the town fire department. She also recognized Fire Chief Donald Abbott, who arrived shortly afterward.

"It's not random people. It's people you know. That's really very comforting," she said.

'A lot of noise'

Denice Glover, who lives at 1264 2nd NH Turnpike North with her brother-in-law Hugo E. Rodriguez, said she was awakened around the time of the accident by a loud commotion and worried something was wrong with one of the neighbor children.

Glover said as she went to the scene of the accident she met Crowell, who seemed extremely upset. She said she brought him back to her house to calm him down as she also called 911.

Rodriguez then brought Crowell back outside as rescue workers arrived. Glover and Rodriguez said they then stood back to let the officials do their work.

"It's sad, because someone died right here and we couldn't do anything about it," Rodriguez said.

'Just a great person'

Several acquaintances and family members of the crash victims stopped briefly at the scene yesterday afternoon and placed some flowers against an upturned rock on the side of the road.

Donovan's cousin, 20-year-old Meaghan MacKenzie, said after Donovan graduated from high school in 2003 she lived in Marlboro for a while before moving back home to Greenfield just recently.

"She was bouncy, happy all the time, just a great person to be around," MacKenzie said.

MacKenzie described her cousin as a fun-loving, outgoing person who was "just enjoying being 19." She said Donovan liked four-wheel off-roading and country music.

"She was always singing," MacKenzie said.

'Always together'

She said her cousin and Sands were inseparable and equally outgoing.

"They were always happy, always together. They were stuck together like glue, best friends most definitely," MacKenzie said.

Donovan worked for Southern New Hampshire Services Inc. in the community outreach office in Peterborough, where she started a year and a half ago in the walk-in center, said David Messier, the agency's human resource director.

Donovan took calls and helped people who walked into the office with diverse needs from child care, fuel assistance to food counseling in SNHS's Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program, Messier said.

"She was a delightful young woman, who enjoyed working in community action," Messier said. "She started working for us on a part-time basis while she was in high school."

Police are continuing to investigate the accident. Troopers Jeffrey Tenczar, Marc Beaudoin and Marc Hull are the lead investigators.

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