



Richard S. "Scotty" Sample

A town of Watertown man has been arrested after allegedly driving drunk and crashing into a motorcycle, killing the operator, according to state police. Kristian M. Loftus, 35, is charged with second-degree vehicular manslaughter, a felony, driving while intoxicated and failure to keep right. According to court papers, Mr. Loftus was traveling north on Hadcock Road in the town of Watertown at about 7:50 p.m. Friday in a 2006 Dodge pickup truck while allegedly intoxicated when he crossed the center of the roadway and collided with a southbound motorcycle operated by Richard S. "Scotty" Sample, 52, of 21019 Hadcock Road, resulting in Mr. Sample's death. The pickup truck was parked in Mr. Loftus's driveway when police and emergency personnel arrived on scene, an investigator said. Mr. Sample, a longtime National Grid employee, could not be revived and was pronounced dead at the scene, troopers said. According to documents, Loftus told troopers he was driving home from a golf course in Lewis County. The accident occurred less than 100 yards south of his driveway. Troopers were assisted at the accident scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Town of Watertown Ambulance, and members of the Town of Watertown, Rutland and Felts Mills fire departments.