

# Crash proves fatal 9/17/81

A 20-year-old Taunton man was killed and five others injured in an accident early this morning on Rte. 24 in Avon.

Richard DeCosta of 98 Scadding Street was pronounced dead at the scene. He died of multiple head and chest injuries received when the car in which he was a passenger slammed into the rear of a

van stalled in the middle travel lane of the highway.

He was riding in a car driven by Nuno J. Souza of 205-A Winthrop St. Three other passengers in the Souza car, including DeCosta's brother, were injured in the accident. David DeCosta, 22, also of 98 Scadding Street, Daniel McDevitt, 23 of Scadding Street, and John F. Lewis, 23, of 7 Jefferson St.

were hospitalized with head and neck injuries.

The fifth injured man, the driver of the stalled van, was also hospitalized. He was Lewis B. Lisenby of 813 Pleasant St., Brockton. State police said the van overturned into the right travel lane after it was struck.

Lisenby and Lewis were taken to Brockton Hospital, Souza and David DeCosta to Goddard Hospital in Brockton, and McDevitt was transported to Cardinal Cushing Hospital in Brockton for emergency head surgery.

Police are investigating the accident.

A native of Taunton, DeCosta was the son of Anthony and Janet (Moore) DeCosta. He was employed as a mechanic for Hertz Rent-a-Car at Logan Airport.

A graduate of Cohannet School, he graduated from Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School in 1979. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he leaves three brothers, David A., Robert A., and Daniel J., all of Taunton; a sister, Mrs. Mark (Susan) Trahan of Lakeville; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Angelina DeCosta of Taunton; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Beatrice Moore of Dallas, Pa.