

The 21-year-old son of a Dighton police officer died Thursday at a Brighton hospital from chest injuries he received when a car that was jacked up on soft ground slid and fell on him on Monday.

Kevin A. Pacheco, 21, of 925 Oak St., North Dighton, son of Officer Alfred Pacheco Jr. of the Dighton police department, died last night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The accident occurred on Monday afternoon at 12:13 when young Pacheco's car, which was jacked up on soft ground, slid off the jack and fell on his chest, according to fire officials, who supervise the town's ambulance service.

According to the officials, Pacheco's father was home at the time and proceeded to give him cardio-pulmonary resuscitation after the accident.

Upon arrival, the Dighton emergency ambulance took Pacheco to Morton Hospital. At 2:30 that afternoon he was transported to St. Elizabeth's.

Pacheco was on a respirator at St. Elizabeth's and his condition had reportedly begun to improve during the course of the week.

According to his doctor, an autopsy was to be performed this morning to determine the cause of death, but it was assumed that he died from the chest injuries that he received in the accident.

Pacheco, born in Fall River, was the son of Alfred and Margaret (Wetterland) Pacheco. He lived in Fall River and in Tiverton, R.I. for several years until moving to Dighton 10 years ago.

He was a 1977 graduate of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and was formerly employed as a mechanic for Silco Motors in Brockton.

Active in Dighton Little League, Pacheco was a former assistant manager for the organization. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church of North Dighton.

Beside his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nathaniel (Karen M.) Moody of Taunton and two brothers, Keith and Kirk Pacheco, both of North Dighton.

He also leaves his paternal grandfather, Alfred Pacheco of Somerset, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Wetterland of Fall River, one niece and several aunts and uncles.

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