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Backhoe driver charged with motor vehicle homicide for fatal 2011 collision in Roslindale

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A man has been charged with motor vehicle homicide for an incident in Feb. 2011 when the backhoe he was using to remove snow in Roslindale collided with an SUV, fatally injuring the driver, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Brian Duggan, 45, pleaded not guilty at a July 10 arraignment in Suffolk Superior Court, district attorney spokesman Jake Wark said.

Because an investigation did not suggest that Duggan was drunk or otherwise impaired when the incident occurred, the charge he faces is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of two-and-a-half years in a house of correction, the spokesman said.

On Feb. 6, 2011, Duggan was driving a backhoe to remove snow near the intersection of Belgrade Avenue and Aldrich Street, Wark said. Just before 11:30 p.m., the bucket portion of the backhoe crossed the double yellow line on

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p.m., the bucket portion of the backhoe crossed the double yellow line on Belgrade Avenue.

A Ford Explorer driving on the roadway collided with the scoop, according to authorities.

The SUV's driver and lone occupant, Edward Britt, 30, of Roslindale suffered head injuries and was pronounced dead at Faulkner Hospital shortly before

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