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SECTION B

Car-truck collision kills city police

By George B. Griffin
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WORCESTER — A 20-year veteran Worcester police sergeant died and a church custodian suffered critical injuries in separate accidents early Wednesday evening.

Capt. Edward D. Ashe, commander of the police traffic division, identified the dead officer as Sgt. John J. Leszczynski, 43, of 17 Flagg Road, Shrewsbury.

The second victim was identified as Thomas P. Carpenter, 64, of 9 Haven Lane.

Carpenter, a custodian at St. Joan of Arc Church, 570 Lincoln St., was in serious condition in the intensive care unit at University of Massachusetts Hospital yesterday.

Carpenter had been struck by a car about 5:45 p.m.

Another man, hit by car, seriously hurt

Wednesday as he crossed at Lincoln Street School, 549 Lincoln St.

Ashe identified the driver in the Carpenter accident as Henry J. Dziczek, 50, of 18 Oak Court, Clinton.

Dziczek, Ashe said, was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

"Carpenter was crossing Lincoln from east to the west side in front of the Lincoln Street School when he was struck by a vehicle going north on Lincoln Street in the middle lane," Ashe said. "The motor vehicle stopped briefly, but left the scene. A short time later, the operator of the motor vehicle returned and was issued a citation."

Leszczynski died when his 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass

sedan collided with a tractor-trailer truck on Route 20 in front of the J.B. Hunt Transport Co. terminal near the Big Y Supermarket about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ashe said the truck driver, Donald A. Rhymer, 38, of 511 Pleasant Hollow Drive, Plainsboro, N.J., was cited for failing to use care in starting, operating to endanger and homicide by motor vehicle.

Ashe said Rhymer had just driven out of the J.B. Hunt terminal and was turning left onto Route 20 when the accident occurred.

Leszczynski was traveling east and was about a mile from his home when the accident occurred, Ashe said.

The impact carried Leszczynski's Cutlass beneath the truck's trailer. Rescue workers had to extricate

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Leszczynski from the car with the Jaws of Life. He was taken to University of Massachusetts Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Leszczynski was appointed to the Worcester Police Department July 10, 1977, and promoted to sergeant May 19, 1985.

He spent all 20 years on the "last half" operations shift and for the past 10 years was patrol supervisor in the southeast sector.

Leszczynski twice received departmental commendations for saving lives. One rescue was that of an adult and the second that of a child.

He also received numerous citations for apprehending felony suspects as well as many letters of appreciation from the public for his service to the community.

His supervisor, Capt. John R. Harrington, praised Leszczynski, saying he was "highly respected by those who knew and served him."

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John J. Leszczynski, 43

SHREWSBURY — Police Sgt. John J. Leszczynski, 43, of 17 Flagg Road, formerly of Worcester, died Wednesday night at University of Massachusetts Hospital, Worcester, from injuries suffered when his car and a tractor-trailer truck collided on Route 20 near Sunderland Road. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.