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Boy, hit on Route 236, expected to recover

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SOUTH BERWICK, Maine - The 16-year-old boy who was seriously injured when he was hit by a pickup truck over the weekend is expected to make a full recovery.

Ian Morgan-Janes was taken out of the intensive care unit at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital on Monday, according to his mother, Gayle Morgan-Janes.

The Marshwood High School senior suffered a concussion after he was hit by a Chevrolet pickup truck while crossing Route 236 on Saturday morning, Gayle Morgan-Janes said. He also has a fractured kidney, a contusion on his lung, a chipped vertebrae and a broken arm.

This weekend's was the third accident Morgan-Janes has been involved in on Route 236, according to his mother.

"He has a good prognosis," she said. "We're grateful that we have good news. There's been too many accidents at Marshwood."

Earlier this summer, two of Morgan-Janes' classmates died in separate accidents. Jeremy Trepp, a recent MHS graduate, died June 30 as the result of a skateboarding accident. On Aug. 6, Jason Caouette, 16, died after suffering severe burns in a campfire accident.

Gayle Morgan-Janes said her son attempted to cross Route 236 to get to a yard sale where she was located. She said he looked both ways before crossing, but did not see the truck police say was driven by South Berwick resident Ricky Duquette.

"There was a blind spot where neither the driver nor Ian saw each other," she said. "Route 236 is such a death trap anyway."



When Morgan-Janes was 6 years old, he received a concussion after the family's car was rear-ended and spun out into the middle of Route 236. Last year, he was in a friend's car that rear-ended another vehicle while driving along Route 236.

A South Berwick police statement said police are still investigating Saturday's accident but do not believe alcohol was a factor. Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to contact Patrolman Dennis Gaffney at (207) 384-2254.

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