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Jaws of Life used to pull couple from truck

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ELIOT, Maine - A Kittery Point couple was transported to Portsmouth Regional Hospital Saturday morning after being pulled from a rollover accident in Eliot.

Eliot Police Officer Kevin Curran reported Dean Elmo, 45, was driving his Ford Ranger pickup truck northbound on Route 236 at about 11:36 a.m., when a minivan pulled out in front of him from the access road to the town's transfer station. Elmo and his passenger, Susan Kleiss, 44, both sustained "internal and orthopedic" injuries, Curran said.



Eliot fire personnel used Jaws of Life equipment to remove the roof from the truck and free the couple, while traffic was backed up in both directions for about 45 minutes.

The driver of the minivan was Steven Berthraume, 52, also of Kittery Point, and was not injured in the accident, Curran said.

Curran said no citations have been issued, but the accident is "still under investigation."

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