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On 09/02/15 at about 4:00 PM, members of the Hudson Police Department and Hudson Fire Department responded to the Town Common (intersection of Ferry Street, Library Street and Derry Street) for the report of a single motor vehicle collision involving a school bus. Upon the officers arrival it was determined that the driver of the school bus, Barbara Sowerbutts, 69, of Hudson, New Hampshire, was operating a Town Of Hudson school bus.

An on scene investigation determined that Ms. Sowerbutts was traveling west on Ferry Street and approaching the intersection with Library Street. At the time, the intersection was heavily congested with motor vehicle traffic. Ms. Sowerbutts attempted to slow the school bus, but it appears that the brakes failed. Ms. Sowerbutts took evasive action by steering the school bus to the right side of the road. As the school bus continued to move forward it struck a trash can in front of 16 Library Street and a guidewire to a utility pole at the intersection of Ferry Street and Derry Street. The school bus continued to travel west over Library Street and entered into the Town Common where it struck a tree and a military cannon.

There we NO CHILDREN or any other passengers in the school bus at the time of the accident. There was no air bag deployment and Ms. Sowerbutts was wearing a seatbelt. She was not injured in the accident.

The accident is being attributed to faulty brakes and Ms. Sowerbutts is not being charged with any motor vehicle or criminal offenses.