
Ex-Lowell priest dies in crash

ALBANY, N.Y. — A priest formerly stationed here in Lowell was found dead in a creek off the New York Thruway yesterday afternoon, the victim of an apparent car accident.

Rev. Czeslaw Szymanski, 45, a priest formerly stationed at the Holy Trinity Polish Church at 340 High St., Lowell, died in a car accident on Sept. 24, according to police.

His body was not discovered until yesterday by Public Works crews because his car ran off the highway about 150 feet and was hidden in heavy brush.

A native of Poland, Szymans-

ki served with the Holy Trinity Polish Church in Lowell for six years, but was transferred four months ago to a church in Ontario, California, according to Msgr. John Abucewicz, pastor at Holy Trinity.

In the past four months, he has made several trips from Lowell to Canada, moving his property to his new home. He was on one of those trips on Sept. 24, Abucewicz said.

Szymanski apparently lost control of his car, which went off the Thruway near the Mass. line, crashed through some trees and came to a stop in Frisbee Creek, police said.

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