

Fairfield Accident Kills Two

FAIRFIELD — A retired Catholic priest and a Massachusetts motorist died from injuries received in a two-car collision in the northbound lane of I-95 here, Friday afternoon, according to the State Police.

The Rev. Rosario E. Ouellette, 65, of Waterville and Ernest Lamb Jr., 34, of Framingham, Mass. were listed as the latest victims of Maine Highway mishaps.

State Trooper Keith Chipman said the Rev. Mr. Ouellette was driving south in the northbound lane of the interstate highway and collided with the Lamb vehicle, which burst into flames shortly afterwards.

Chipman explained the mishap occurred near the northbound exit of the interstate at Western Avenue. The Rev. Mr.

Ouellette died in the crash while Lamb died at the Thayer hospital in Waterville shortly after arrival.

Mrs. Bonita Lamb, 27, was being held at the same hospital where her husband died for back injuries but was not believed to be in serious condition, Chipman said.

Units from the Waterville and Fairfield police departments went to the scene to extinguish the flames after the Lamb car suddenly ignited.

The car caught fire shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Lamb had been removed by passersby, it was reported. A spokesman at

Mt. St. Joseph Parish in Waterville said that the Rev. Mr. Ouellette had retired from active church life.

Members of the Waterville and Fairfield Police Departments assisted at the scene of the accident, Chipman said, along with other state police officers, including Sgt. Scott Brown.