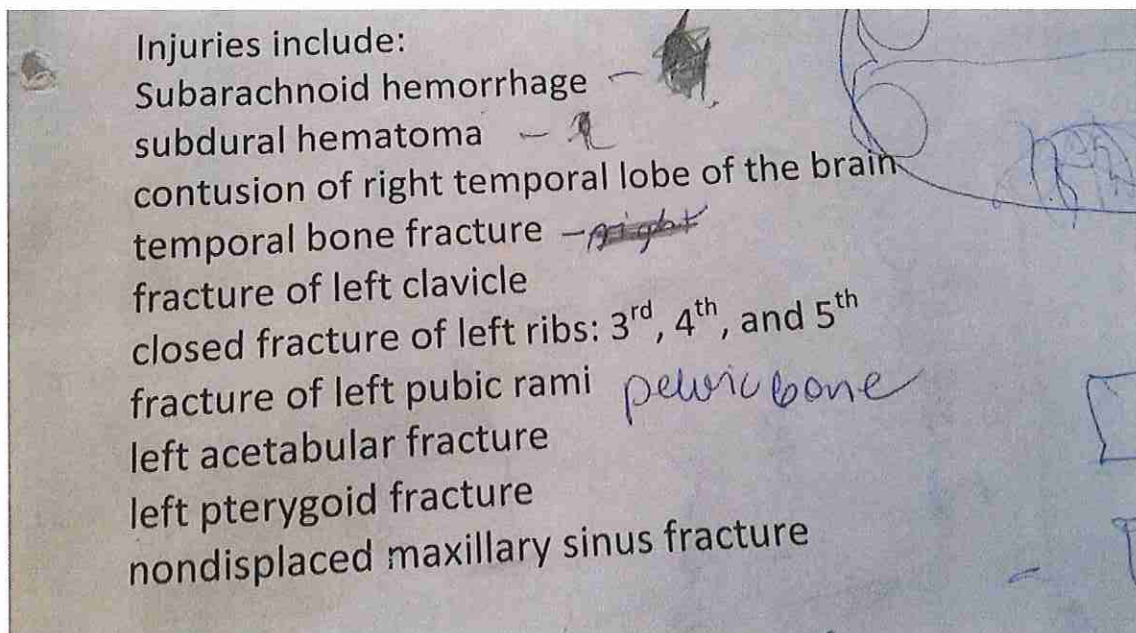


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To the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Arlington

My name is Barbara Brys and I am a resident of Bedford, MA. I would like to bring to your attention the lack of safety measures surrounding the bike path in the Town of Arlington and its consequences.

On June 13, 2015 I was biking on the Minute Man biking path thinking that I was safe, as I was wearing a helmet and was on a path designed for bikers. How wrong I was. While biking along a soccer field in the Arlington portion of the path, a soccer ball flew onto the bike path and caused me to have a severe fall. Someone had kicked the ball so hard that it crossed from the unfenced field onto the path and hit me like a bomb. I fell over the handlebars, and lost consciousness due to the skull fracture and brain bleeding that I sustained, amongst many other injuries. Thankfully someone called for help. I was brought to Massachusetts General hospital where I had to fight for my life. I spent several weeks in the intensive care unit in severe pain from the many fractures I sustained, including the skull fracture, hip fracture, pubic bone fractures, rib fractures, clavicle fracture, as well as fractures to facial bones. These fractures are still healing and I have significant cognitive impairment and functional deficits from the brain trauma. I also have hearing loss due to middle ear damage. The doctors are still amazed that I survived. Attached is a list of my injuries from one of the hospital reports as well as the police report.



I left the hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Center after 6 weeks. I continue to undergo physical, occupational and speech therapy. My brain injuries cause constant fatigue and debilitating headaches. The medical bills pile up, and I am in jeopardy of losing my job if I continue to be disabled.

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I am writing this letter to motivate the Town of Arlington to improve the safety of the bike path around the soccer fields. I strongly feel that all my struggles could have been prevented if additional safety features were implemented around the soccer field. A simple fence to catch any 'run-away' balls from exiting the field would be enough. This type of incident can happen to anyone, maybe even small child who would be less lucky and may not survive.

I urge you to take this recommendation seriously and respond to my complaint as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brys

Phone: 781-275 -3656

Address: 24 Wayte Rd, Bedford , MA, 01730

Police report is attached below

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ARLINGTON POLICE
ARLINGTON, MA

<u>INCIDENT # / REPORT #</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
15013566 / 1	SMITH R	PTL	APPROVED

INCIDENT #15013566 DATA

As Of 06/13/2015 10:34:19

BASIC INFORMATION

<u>CASE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APT/UNIT #</u>
MEDICAL ASSIST	424 SUMMER ST	
<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u>	
06/13/2015 09:49:33	On or about 06/13/2015 09:49	
<u>INCIDENT TYPE/OFFENSE</u>		
ASSIST		

PERSONS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>
REPORTING PERSON	NARGHESE, ROBIN	MALE	BLACK
	ADDRESS: 27 CHESTER ST ARLINGTON, MA		

[NO OFFENDERS]

[NO VEHICLES]

PROPERTY

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
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NARRATIVE

On Saturday, 06/13/15, at approximately 0949 hours, while assigned to Sectors 3 and 5, I, Officer R. Smith was dispatched to the Bike Path behind 424 Summer St to investigate a report of an unconscious party.

Upon arrival, I observed an unknown party on the ground of the bike path behind the soccer field conscious. I relayed this information to Dispatch

<http://10.102.10.18/QED//policepartner/common/crimeweb/ineview/main.jsp?agency=AR...> 6/18/2015

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and stabilized the patient until Rescue arrived. She was transported to MGH. The party had no ID on her and her name is unknown at this time because she does not speak English. The RP Robin Narghese stated a soccer ball collided with her bicycle, causing her to fall off. The bicycle was transported to the station, tagged, and placed in Garage Storage. While I was tending to the unknown party on scene, a separate party Katie Rae passed out while assisting. I relayed this information to Dispatch. She quickly gained consciousness, and her husband Zen Chu stated she frequently has seizures and passes out. She refused medical attention with Rescue.

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Officer Name: R. Smith
Report #: 15013566

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