

The Wareham Family Part 6: Tony Wareham

Tony is now 18, and driving. He and three of his friends are returning home after an evening at the movies. While driving, Tony is texting another friend and does not see the moose on the road. He swerves at the last minute, and misses the moose, but goes off the road and down an embankment. The car rolls three times and comes to a stop on its roof. Two of the boys were not wearing seatbelts and are thrown out of the car. The other two were wearing seatbelts and are trapped in the car, with airbags deployed.

All four boys are picked up by ambulances and transported to the nearest hospital.

Ben, one of the boys ejected from the car, is the worst injured. He has low blood pressure and rapid pulse on arrival, with an obvious head injury, broken ribs, open fracture of the femur, and there is a concern about his spleen. He is operated on and brought to ICU, where his head injury renders him brain dead. His parents are with him.

The second boy ejected from the vehicle is dead at the scene.

Tony is brought in, complaining of pain in the abdomen and a headache, as well as a sore neck. He has no memory of the incident. He has some abrasions to his face, but no obvious fractures. He is stable, and on workup, has a spleen injury and concussion. He is admitted overnight for observation. He is asking for his friends. Two weeks after discharge, he is still complaining of headaches, as well as visual disturbances (double vision).

The second boy in the car (Joe) is also brought in with stable vital signs, injuries to his right arm and right leg, and a long laceration over his right side. He is complaining of neck pain, and X-rays confirm a couple of arm fractures, but no bony neck injury. He will require surgery for fractures, but otherwise is expected to make a full recovery.