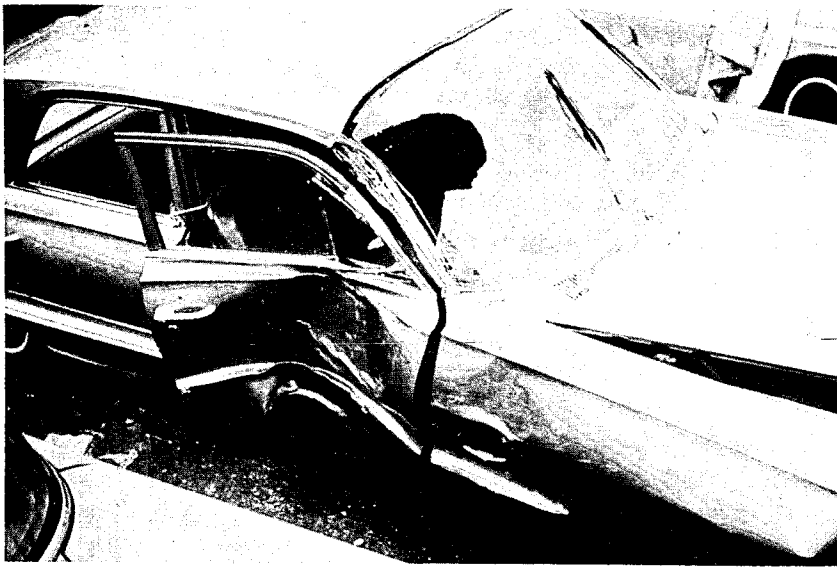


struck a group of trees that were fairly far from the road edge. Once he was on this downhill embankment, there was no possibility of a return to the roadway.



This is his vehicle. He was alone in the car, but the windshield and the side window support damage was done by his head for lack of restraint.

Mr. CRAMER. Go back to the tree he hit.

Dr. HUELKE. Actually, you see the series of trees here [indicating].

Mr. CRAMER. Oh, yes.

Dr. HUELKE. And they were about 30 feet off of the roadway. But the important point is this down slope is so close to the road edge that leads him on the collision course.

(At this point, Mr. Kluczynski assumed the chair.)

Mr. CRAMER. I want to ask you a question, Mr. Prisk. You indicated yesterday, did you not, that the Federal regulation relating to planting trees, although presently not being observed in many instances, is supposedly to plant them beyond 30 feet from the highway itself or the right-of-way? Which is it?

Mr. PRISK. That is beyond the edge of the pavement.

Mr. CRAMER. Right. So if the witness' testimony is correct, as to distance, which I assume it is, this tree that caused this problem would not be prohibited under Federal regulations presently in existence; is that right?

Mr. PRISK. So long as it is inside 30 feet, that is correct.

Mr. CRAMER. So long as it is planted outside 30 feet?

Mr. PRISK. Outside 30 feet, yes.

Mr. CRAMER. So, so far as beautification is concerned, the planting of trees, there would be nothing to prohibit the duplication of this problem?