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Henrico Police Investigates Fatal Auto/Pedestrian Crash

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police is conducting two separate investigations following an incident in the Brookland Magisterial District stemming from a fatal crash.

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, at approximately 10:43 p.m., Henrico Police responded to a report of a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Staples Mill Road near Townhouse Road. Once on scene, officers located a juvenile female (two years old) with obvious signs of trauma. She was transported by the Henrico County Division of Fire to an area hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The preliminary crash investigation indicates the toddler had walked away from her home nearby and into the eastbound lanes of Staples Mill Road where she was hit by a Honda. The driver of the Honda remained on the scene and is cooperating with investigators. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in this crash.

"We are at a loss for words about what unfolded last night," said **Henrico County Police Division Assistant Chief Lauren Edwards**. "Any time a crash or violent crime ends in a death is a horrible result, but to have a child as the victim is even more difficult to comprehend. Our detectives are trained to thoroughly investigate each case they are assigned, and that will continue in this instance as our community tries to heal from this tragic event."

Two investigations are currently underway related to this incident. The Henrico Police Special Victims Unit is investigating the circumstances of how the toddler left the home. The preliminary investigation indicates the child was left in the care of a babysitter. Due to the sensitive nature of this case, details will be released when appropriate.

Anyone with information on this crash is asked to contact Crash Team Investigator Ofc. B. Jennings at (804) 501-5000. You can also submit tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com.





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(Henrico County, Va.) – Around 10:45 pm, Henrico Police responded to a vehicle vs pedestrian crash on Staples Mill Road near Townhouse Road. The juvenile pedestrian was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and is cooperating with investigators. The Henrico Police Crash Team is leading the investigation. Eastbound Staples Mill Road between Adair Avenue and Townhouse Road will be closed until the investigation is complete. Any person with information regarding the crash is encouraged to contact Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000.

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