



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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News Release

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The Sheriff's Office is sad to report two significant traffic collisions that occurred earlier today. One collision involved a fatality.

The first accident occurred on Rt. 1 about 5 miles north of Ashland just after 1:00 pm today. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2000 model Ford Mustang was preparing to make a left turn in the left lane of the northbound side of Rt. 1 when it was struck from behind by a 2001 full size pick-up. The driver of the Mustang, 31 year old Fermin Franco of Doswell was killed instantly. The two passengers of the Mustang, a 20 year old female and an 11 month old child were transported to VCU's Medical Center. The adult female had non-life threatening injuries. The child however, suffered serious injuries.

The driver of the GMC truck was also transported with non-life threatening injuries.

The second accident occurred on Walnut Grove Road about one mile south of Rt. 360 just before 3:00 pm. The single vehicle accident occurred when the vehicle involved, a 2003 Hyundai sedan, left the right side of the roadway. The driver overcorrected causing the vehicle to swerve to the left and overturning. Both occupants of the vehicle, were ejected. According to the preliminary investigation, neither was wearing a seatbelt. Both occupants, 20 and 23 years old respectfully, were transported to VCU's Medical Center with serious injuries.

Both accidents remain under the investigation of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit. No charges have been placed in either case pending a full investigation. We ask that the community keep the family and friends of all involved in their thoughts and prayers.

At this time in the evening, we have no further information to release, but please contact Lt. Goodman in the morning if you have questions. He can be reached at 365-6312.

