



*Hanover County Sheriff's Office*  
*Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff*



**News Release**

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The Sheriff's Office is sad to report that an Atlee High School student was tragically killed this morning in a traffic accident.

At 10:53 this morning, Sheriff's deputies responded to a single vehicle accident on New Ashcake Road just east of Whipoorwill Road in Hanover County. Preliminary investigation indicates that a 2002 Lexus sedan was traveling west on New Ashcake Road when the vehicle crossed into the eastbound lane, and then swerved back across the right side of the road and entered the wood-line, striking a tree.

The driver, a 17 year old young man from Mechanicsville, was declared deceased at the scene by emergency medical personnel. The driver was traveling alone in the vehicle and it appears that he was wearing his seat belt at the time of the collision. Both parents have been notified and his name will not be released at this time.

The staff at Atlee High School and the school administration have also been made aware of this situation and they will have crisis counselors in place to assist students affected by this tragedy.

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team is continuing to investigate this accident to determine the cause and exact chain of events leading to this tragedy. We ask the community to keep their thoughts and prayers with the family and friends as they cope with the loss of their loved one.

If you have any questions in regards to the accident, please call Lt. Doug Goodman with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office. We must emphasize the sensitivity of this situation and the impact that it will have not only on the family, but also the students and faculty at Atlee High School. Please address any questions relating to Atlee High School with Mrs. Dale Theakston with Hanover Public Schools at 365-4528.

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