



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



News Release

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The Sheriff's Office is sad to report an accident that claimed the life of a Mechanicsville man early this morning.

At 8:21 a.m. deputies responded to a call for a two-car accident on Rt. 301 at the intersection with Richfood Road. Upon their arrival, they found that 74 year old Harry G. Harris of the 8400 block of McClellan Road in Mechanicsville was fatally wounded.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Mr. Harris was turning left onto southbound Rt. 301 from Richfood Road when he was struck by a late model full size Ford pick-up traveling north on Rt. 301. Mr. Harris was also operating a similar Ford pick-up. The driver of the northbound vehicle was transported to a local trauma center with non-life threatening injuries.

Information at this time indicates that the operator of the northbound truck failed to stop at the intersection which was controlled by a redlight at the time of the collision. Charges are pending a full investigation by the Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Unit.

The Sheriff's Office also needs your help in locating a missing man from Doswell. 78 year old Grayson E. Taylor left his residence last night at approximately 5:45 pm en route to a meeting at an Ashland restaurant. Mr. Taylor never arrived at his meeting. He was seen on Interstate 95 north of Colonial Heights just before 11:00 p.m. and was last seen traveling north on I95, but he has not been seen since.

He is described as being 5'6" tall and weighing 140 lbs. He has sparse gray hair and was last seen wearing brown pants, a plaid shirt and a brown jacket. He was operating a blue 1997 full-size Chevrolet 4x4 pick-up, bearing a Virginia license plate of "CHQTRME." Mr. Taylor suffers from a mild case of dementia. If anyone has any information that would help us locate Mr. Taylor, please call the Hanover County Sheriff's Office at 730-6140.

We ask that the community keep both families in their thoughts and prayers as they cope with this difficult time.

Lt. Colonel David R. Hines
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Colonel V. Stuart Cook
Sheriff