



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



News Release

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The Sheriff's Office is sad to report two separate fatality accidents this week.

This first accident occurred at 6:52 p.m. this past Monday, December 8th, 2003 when 67 year old Douglas K. Skinner of the 18000 block of Old Ridge Road was mortally wounded in a single vehicle accident on Mountain Road in western Hanover County.

Investigation revealed that Mr. Skinner was traveling westbound on Mountain Road east of Bethany Church road when his vehicle ran off the right side of the road, then swerved across the road striking a tree on the opposite side. Mr. Skinner was pronounce deceased at the scene. Mr. Skinner was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

The second accident occurred at 9:41 p.m. this morning, when a 70 year old man from Aylett ran off the road and struck a free-standing brick wall. Investigation revealed that Mr. Richard Williams Raynor of Aylett, Virginia, was traveling east bound on Mechanicsville Turnpike when he veered off the right side of the roadway striking an ornamental brick wall in front of Battlefield Elementary School. Due to the time of morning, all students were in class and were never placed in harms way. No one else was injured in this accident.

The Sheriff's Office would like to ask the community to keep their thoughts and prayers with both of these families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

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