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# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Independent Investigations Division Investigating Fatal Single-Vehicle Incident in Baltimore County**

**BALTIMORE, MD (October 9, 2021)** - The Independent Investigations Division of the Office of Attorney General is investigating a single-vehicle crash following a police pursuit. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of October 9<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore County.

At approximately 2:46 a.m., a Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police officer assigned to the Operations Support Unit was parked at the intersection of I-395 and Conway Street in Baltimore when he observed a silver Monte Carlo commit a traffic violation. The officer followed the vehicle onto the I-395 ramp and then onto I-95 south. The officer observed the vehicle being driven above the posted speed limit and weaving in and out of lanes. The MDTA officer, a 10-year veteran of the MDTA police force, attempted to initiate a traffic stop. As the officer approached the vehicle, the vehicle sped away. The vehicle exited I-95 south onto I-695. The officer pursued the vehicle out of concern that the driver was impaired. The vehicle exited I-695 at Wilkens Avenue at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle on the exit ramp, crossed Wilkens Avenue, hit the median, and the driver was ejected from the vehicle. The officer rendered first aid until EMS arrived. The driver, identified as a 26-year-old African-American man, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The MDTA Police officer's dashboard camera and microphone were active during the incident. The IID will generally release body camera footage or dashboard camera footage within 14 days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 14 days is necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to redact the identities of civilian witnesses, or to allow family members to view the video before it is released to the public.

The IID is investigating this incident with assistance from the Maryland State Police Crash Team.

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