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Fatal Crash Following Attempted Traffic Stop in Charles County Under Investigation

BALTIMORE, MD (March 11, 2022) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General is investigating a fatal crash following an attempted traffic stop and police pursuit that occurred Friday morning in Charles County.

On March 11, at 4:06 a.m., officers with the Charles County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a hit-and-run crash in the 3900 block of Pine Cone Circle in Waldorf. When officers arrived on scene, the driver was no longer there, but a witness provided his identity and vehicle description. At around 4:47 a.m., officers located the same individual driving a pickup truck in the area of St. Marks Drive and attempted to pull him over. The driver, an adult male, failed to stop and led officers on a pursuit along St. Charles Parkway. The driver quickly lost control of his truck and crashed on St. Charles Parkway. The driver suffered fatal injuries as a result of the crash and was pronounced dead on scene. No other vehicles were involved in the crash on St. Charles Parkway.

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

The IID will generally release the name of the involved officers within 48 hours of the incident, though that period may be extended if an officer is injured, or if there is a specific reason to believe that an officer's safety is at risk.

The Sheriff's officers' dashboard cameras and microphones were activated 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.

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