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## Independent Investigations Division Investigating Fatal Police Pursuit in Carroll County

**BALTIMORE, MD (April 21, 2024)** – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a fatal crash following a police pursuit that occurred in Eldersburg, Carroll County, Maryland, Saturday evening.

On April 20, 2024, at approximately 11:30 p.m., a Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy was on patrol in the area of Liberty Road and Ridge Road when he observed a car driving westbound on Liberty Road at a high rate of speed. The deputy activated his emergency equipment and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the car, but the driver, an adult male, failed to stop. After approximately thirty seconds, the deputy lost sight of the car, slowed down, and turned off his emergency equipment. A moment later, the deputy discovered that while fleeing from police, the driver had crossed over the double yellow lines into the eastbound lanes of Liberty Road near Fallon Road and struck an SUV head-on. The SUV contained two occupants. The driver of the SUV, an adult female, was pronounced dead on scene. The driver, who fled police, and the passenger in the SUV both suffered serious non-life-threatening injuries and were each taken to a local hospital for treatment.

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

The IID will generally release the name of the decedent and involved officers within two business days of the incident, although that period may be extended if there is a specific reason to believe that an officer's safety is at risk.

The deputy was wearing a body-worn camera, and their cruiser is equipped with a dashboard camera, which recorded the incident. The IID will generally release body-worn and dashboard camera footage within 20 business days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 20 days is necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to shield 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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