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Police Investigate Fatal Crash

[Hopewell, VA] - On Saturday December 25, 2021 at approximately 12:20 AM officers responded to the intersection of Colonial Corner Drive and Oaklawn Boulevard for a reported traffic collision involving two four door sedans. Upon arrival, responding officers located both vehicles off the roadway near the intersection. One vehicle had crashed perpendicular and on top of the other vehicle. Hopewell Fire and Medical personnel responded to the scene and subsequently used their emergency equipment to extract the driver and passenger in the bottom vehicle. Although every lifesaving effort was made, the driver and passenger succumbed to their injuries at the scene. The driver and passengers of the top vehicle were medically evaluated and released at the scene. Virginia State Police responded to the scene to assist and perform the accident reconstruction.

The victims' identities are not being released at this time pending notification of next of kin. No charges have been filed at this time as the investigation of this crash continues.

[Hopewell, VA] – UPDATE – Police have identified both victims in the fatal vehicle crash that occurred Saturday December 25, 2021 at 12:20 AM. The driver was identified as Rhonda Jordan, age 25, from Hopewell. The passenger was identified as Matthew Goodson, age 32, also from Hopewell. At this time the driver of the culpable vehicle has been identified as Traci Rice and charged with Reckless Driving. Additional charges may be filed pending further investigation of the crash.

The Hopewell Police Department is requesting that any person(s) who either witnessed this collision or who may have been traveling in at the time of the collision or have any information to provide, to contact the Hopewell Police Department at (804) 541-2222. Persons with information on this incident and who wish to remain anonymous may contact the Hopewell Prince George Crime Solvers hotline in Hopewell at (804) 541-2202 or provide their tip using the P3tips mobile app.

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