



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 1, 2008**

### **Shipyard Road traffic fatality**

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a single-car crash that killed the driver and sent four passengers to the hospital. The crash occurred on Shipyard and Lehigh roads shortly before 11 p.m. Monday.

Jonathan Lee Vadi, 19, of Pooler, was driving north on Shipyard in his Dodge Dakota pickup when he lost control and struck a large oak tree.

Paramedics rushed Vadi and four of his passengers to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Vadi died shortly after arrival.

Passengers, Brittany Lynn, 17, of Savannah, and Brandon Sawyer, 19, of Pooler, were admitted with serious injuries. Robert Bishop, 19, of Bloomingdale, was treated and released. Justin Smith, 15, of Pooler, was checked and not injured.

The roadway remained closed for several hours while police investigated and cleared the debris. Investigators are still in the process of determining the cause of the fatal crash.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmppublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmppublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 1, 2008**

### **Shipyard Road traffic fatality**

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a single-car crash that killed the driver and sent four passengers to the hospital. The crash occurred on Shipyard and Lehigh roads shortly before 11 p.m. Monday.

Jonathan Lee Vadi, 19, of Pooler, was driving north on Shipyard in his Dodge Dakota pickup when he lost control and struck a large oak tree.

Paramedics rushed Vadi and four of his passengers to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Vadi died shortly after arrival.

Passengers, Brittany Lynn, 17, of Savannah, and Brandon Sawyer, 19, of Pooler, were admitted with serious injuries. Robert Bishop, 19, of Bloomingdale, was treated and released. Justin Smith, 15, of Pooler, was checked and not injured.

The roadway remained closed for several hours while police investigated and cleared the debris. Investigators are still in the process of determining the cause of the fatal crash.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Mr. Anthony Fulton  
Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666  
Fax: 912. 525.1587  
Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, January 5, 2006**

### **Isle of Hope traffic fatality**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating a one-car crash that claimed the life of a 76-year-old Savannah man.

According to traffic investigators, Frank Ellis Downs was driving south on Richmond Drive at a high rate of speed at 11:30 a.m. this morning when his Buick LeSabre crashed into a oak tree in the median. His vehicle later spun out of control and side swiped a U.S. Postal Truck in the zero hundred block of Richmond Drive.

When police and Southside Fire/EMS arrived on the scene, Downs was found dead inside of the vehicle. There were no other passengers involved.

The postal truck driver was not injured but was transported by EMS to the hospital as a precautionary measure. The truck received minor damages.

The cause of the crash is under investigation. More details will be released when they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Mr. Anthony Fulton  
Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666  
Fax: 912. 525.1587  
Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, January 5, 2006**

### **Ogeechee Road Traffic Fatality**

A two-car traffic accident on Savannah's Westside has claimed the life of a Hilton Head woman. Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police officers responded to a traffic accident in the 3700 block of Ogeechee Road shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday.

When officers arrived on the scene they found Majoree Fowler, 88, unresponsive at the scene. She was transported by EMS to Memorial Health University Medical Center where she died several hours later as a result of injuries received from the crash.

Traffic officers arrived on the scene and spoke with witnesses. Fowler was the driving a Buick Roadmaster that had been involved in a crash in the northbound lane in the 3700 block of Ogeechee Road.

Fowler, who failed to yield the right away, pulled out onto Ogeechee Road and collided with a Ford Crown Victoria driven by Nicholas Johnson, 22, that was traveling northbound on Ogeechee Road. Johnson unable to avoid Fowler's vehicle slammed into the driver's side causing the accident, according to investigators.

The passenger of the Buick Roadmaster was taken to the hospital and treated for minor injuries. Johnson was not injured but was cited for not having a driver's license.

No other charges are pending at this time.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 9, 2007**

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating a single-car crash that sent three people to the hospital shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday on Hutchinson Island. One of the occupants had to be airlifted to Memorial Health University Medical Center with critical injuries. The other two were taken by ambulance.

Officers arrived on the scene where they found the wrecked Honda resting against a concrete retainer wall. The vehicle was headed west on the island's old raceway at what appeared to be high rate of speed, according to investigators.

The driver apparently lost control of the car coming out of a curve, and slammed in to the wall. The identities of the occupants were not available at the time of this release. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, January 10, 2007**

### **Hutchinson Island traffic crash-update**

The three people injured in a single-car crash on the old Hutchinson Island raceway Tuesday have all been identified. Zachery Wyant, 19, Andrew Albarez, 19, and Dustin Pettegrew, 19 were all taken to Memorial Health University Medical Center with injuries suffered during the wreck.

Wyant, who was driving the car and had to be airlifted from the scene remains in the hospital in guarded condition; Pettegrew, who was also airlifted, is in stable condition. Albarez, the front seat passenger of the car was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and remains in critical condition.

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department responded to the report shortly before 5 p.m. to investigate the crash. When they arrived, they learned that Wyant, 19 was headed west on Grand Prize of America Road, at a high rate of speed. He he lost control of the car while negotiating a curve and slammed in to a concrete retainer wall.

The crash remains under investigation with charges pending. All three of the men attend school at the College of Art and Design.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, January 17, 2007**

### **Vehicle strikes pedestrian on Savannah's eastside**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are investigating a traffic crash that sent an elderly man to the hospital this morning on Savannah's Eastside. Fen Lee, 86, of Savannah was walking east on Lymon Hall Road shortly before 7:30 a.m. when he was struck by 2007 Ford F-150 pick up.

The vehicle, driven by John Farrahar, 44, of Savannah was headed west on Lymon Hall when the truck's left front fender struck the pedestrian approximately 15-20 feet east Plank House Road, knocking him to the pavement. Paramedics responded to the scene and rushed the victim to Memorial Health University Medical Center. He is in serious, but stable condition.

Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Monday, January 29, 2007**

### **SCMPD investigates fatal crash**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are investigating a single car crash that left one man dead on Chatham County's Westside.

Officers responded to the intersection of Chevis Road and Palm Drive shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday on a report of a single-car crash. When they arrived, the officers found a 2006 Ford Taurus resting between two trees on Palm approximately one block east of Waynesboro Road.

Investigators determined the driver was traveling east on Chevis when he traveled off the roadway and struck the two palm trees. The driver died at the scene.

Police are investigating to determine the cause of the crash. Eastbound traffic on Chevis Road was restricted for several hours while officers investigated and cleared the wreckage. The driver of the car has been identified. His name will be released when the next of kin are notified.

More details will be released when available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 30, 2007**

### **Victim identified in traffic fatality**

The driver who died in Monday's crash on Chevis Road was Mr. Patrick James Barcomb, 39, of Savannah. Barcomb failed to negotiate the curve at Chevis Road and Palm Drive shortly after 9:30 last night.

He was heading east on Chevis when his 2006 Ford Taurus struck two palm trees on Palm Drive. He died at the scene. Police are still investigating to determine the contributing factors in the crash.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Mr. Anthony Fulton

Phone: 912.651.6751 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scompdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scompdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **Off-duty SCMPD officer involved in traffic accident**

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating a traffic accident involving an off-duty police officer. Around 10:30 p.m. police responded to a two-vehicle crash in the northbound lanes on the Truman Parkway.

The police cruiser driven by Star Corporal Fred Hill of the West Chatham precinct and a Saturn passenger vehicle, driven by Natasha Fleming, 19, of Savannah collided just north of the Eisenhower Drive exit causing the accident. Both drivers were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The northbound Eisenhower entrance ramp onto the Truman Parkway was closed for 2 hours while the wreckage was being cleared from the roadways.

The cause of the accident is under investigation and more information will be released when it becomes available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Anthony Fulton

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scompdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scompdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

### **MLK traffic fatality**

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating a one-car crash that has claimed the life of two men.

Shortly after midnight, police responded to the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and 38th Street to a single car accident. Although the investigation is in its early stages, traffic investigators have determined that a Cadillac occupied by two men was traveling southbound on MLK at a high rate of speed when it slammed into an oak tree at the corner of 38th street.

When police and EMS arrived, both occupants were found dead inside the wreckage.

The identities of both occupants will be released upon notification of family members. The cause of the crash is under investigation and more details will be released when they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, February 11, 2007**

### **Unidentified man dies in bizarre traffic crash**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are trying to identify a man who died after being struck by a car on Highway 17 near Silk Hope Road shortly before 9:30 Saturday night.

The victim is identified only as a middle-aged white male. He was wearing blue jeans and a desert camouflage jacket with a grey sweat shirt underneath. Witnesses reported that the man was laying in the southbound lanes of traffic, waving at cars. Lee Edward Childers, 55, of Savannah was driving a 1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse headed south when he struck the victim.

The crash occurred on the darkened stretch of highway 17 between Dean Forest and Silk Hope roads. Investigators say that the crash was unavoidable. The driver will not be charged.

Southbound traffic along highway 17 from Dean Forest to Silk Hope roads had to be detoured while police investigated the crash. The road reopened around midnight.

Police have not been able to identify the man by fingerprints and are sending the body to the GBI Crime Lab for further examination. Anyone with information about the crash or identity of the victim is urged to call police at 652-6650.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

### **Police identify victim in Highway 17 traffic crash**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan police have identified the man who died in Saturday night's crash on Highway 17. He is 55-year-old Roger Ernest Viens, of Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Investigators received information about the victim from residents that lived in the West Chatham community, not far from where the fatal incident occurred.

Acting on this information, police went to a shed located behind a home in the 100 block of Mark Circle. They found a picture driver's license belonging to the victim and confirmed his identity.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Saturday, February 17, 2007**

### **Fatal 3-car crash on Dean Forest Road**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a 3-car crash that killed one person and sent two others to the hospital. The crash occurred on Dean Forest Road at Interstate 16 shortly before 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

A Tennessee man, identified as 21-year-old Joshua Whitson, died after he slammed in to the back of a stopped pickup truck waiting to make a left turn onto I-16 from Dean Forest Road. The Nissan pickup, driven by Ronald Floyd, 63, was pushed in to the back of a Honda CRV Sport Utility Vehicle.

The driver of the SUV is Floyd's 59-year-old wife, Marie Floyd. She was just ahead of her husband, also waiting to make the turn. The Savannah couple had just left their place of business about two blocks away.

Paramedics rushed them both to Memorial Health University Medical Center with injuries sustained from the crash. Whitson died at the scene. Mr. Floyd was hospitalized with serious injuries; his wife was treated and released.

Police had to close a portion of the road while they investigated the crash and cleared the debris. They re-opened it shortly after shortly after 5 this morning.

Investigators have learned that Whitson was headed south on Dean Forest in a Volkswagen Cabriole when he failed to stop before striking the rear of Mr. Floyd's pick up. They are now trying to determine the speed of the car, and if alcohol was a factor in the crash.

More details on toxicology results and cause of the crash will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

### **I-516 and Montgomery Street traffic back to normal**

Eastbound traffic along I-516 between the Hunter overpass and Montgomery Street that closed earlier today because of a jet-fuel spill reopened shortly after 11:30 this morning.

Savannah-Chatham Police, fire and emergency cleanup crews responded to the Hunter Army Airfield gate on Montgomery Street and portions of I-516 on a report of the spill shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday. Police learned that a Jet fuel Tanker out of Charleston was traveling in the eastbound lanes of I-516 when it began spewing the fuel over the roadway.

Police and fire located the spills over several portions of the roadway between the overpass and Montgomery Street, leading into the back gate of the army base.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

### **Jet fuel Spill on I-516 and Montgomery Street**

Eastbound traffic along I-516 has been reduced to one lane between the Hunter overpass and Montgomery Street due to a jet-fuel spill. Motorist should use caution as they approach this portion of the highway.

Savannah-Chatham Police, fire and emergency cleanup crews responded to the Hunter Army Airfield gate on Montgomery Street and portions of I-516 on a report of the spill shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday. Police learned that a Jet fuel Tanker out of Charleston was traveling in the eastbound lanes of I-516 when it began spewing the fuel over the roadway.

Police and fire located the spills over several portions of the roadway between the overpass and Montgomery Street, leading into the back gate of the army base. The affected portions of the roadway along the interstate will be reduced to one lane until the cleanup is complete.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

Chief Michael Berkow

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, March 2, 2007**

### **2-car crash closes intersection**

A two-car crash on Abercorn Street at Science Drive shut down the intersection shortly after 1:30 Friday. The driver and passenger from one of the vehicles were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the other car has been charged with running the red light and causing the crash.

A utility pole snapped in half when one of the cars slammed into it. The intersection will remain closed until the pole is replaced. Traffic along Abercorn is being diverted. Northbound motorists on Abercorn are being detoured down Apache while southbound traffic is rerouted through Middleground Road. Motorists are asked to avoid the area, if possible, until the intersection is cleared.

Police have learned that a Volkswagen Jetta ran the red light while headed north on Abercorn. The Jetta struck a Ford Ranger that had pulled into the intersection headed west from Science Drive. Subsequent to the initial impact with the truck, the Jetta slammed into the utility pole. The driver was not injured.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, March 4, 2007**

### **Fatal crash on General McIntosh Boulevard**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a single-car crash that killed one man and sent another to the hospital with serious injuries. The crash occurred on General McIntosh Boulevard between Bay and Randolph streets where the car slammed in to a utility pole shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday.

When police and paramedics arrived on the scene, they found the occupants lying in the roadway, not far from the wreckage. Dimitar Dimitrov, 26, died at the scene.

Paramedics rushed Stanimir Belchev, 29, to Memorial Health University Medical Center. He is listed in critical condition.

Police have learned that both men were in the 1997 Porsche Boxer headed east on Bay Street. As the sports convertible approached the curve from Bay Street onto General McIntosh, that's where the driver lost control, ran off the road, and struck the pole.

The impact with the pole caused the car to spin, and eject both victims. Investigators believe that speed and no seat belts contributed to the fatal crash. They are now trying to determine who drove the car.

Anyone with information about the crash is urged to call the SCMPD traffic office at 652-6650. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, March 9, 2007**

### **Fatal 2-car crash on Quacco Road**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a 2-car crash that sent five people to the hospital and claimed the life of a Pooler woman. It happened shortly after 4 p.m. on Quacco Road and Laurel Green Drive.

Shawnta Stowbridge, 22 died shortly after arriving to Memorial Health University Medical Center. She was one of four occupants, including the driver, in a 1992 Olds 88 Royale. She was reportedly ejected from the car when it struck a Ford Explorer heading east on Quacco Road.

The Olds was being driven by Oliver Wendell Fields, 51 off Savannah. Fields was headed west on Quacco Road and swerved into the eastbound lane to avoid hitting a vehicle stopped in front him at Laurel Green Drive.

The Ford and Olds collided in the eastbound lane of Quacco. Upon impact, the olds spun out of control ejecting two of its passengers.

Southside Fire/EMS had to use the Jaws of Life to free the one of the occupants, in the olds, from the wreckage. The driver of the Ford Explorer, Brian Filion, 37, had to be taken to the hospital along with the other occupants in the Olds.

Filion's 2-year-old was in the explorer but was not injured. Police are still trying to determine the cause of the crash.

Traffic along Quacco Road had to be rerouted while police investigated and cleared the debris. The road was reopened around 6:30 p.m. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Traffic advisory**

A broken axle on a truck hauling a wide-load has shut down the I-516 westbound exit that connects to I-16 Savannah and Macon traffic. The interstate closed around 12:30 p.m Monday when the truck became disabled.

Savannah-Chatham Police and the Department of Transportation responded to divert traffic until the roadway clears. Motorists can expect heavy traffic congestion merging onto I-516 from Ogeechee Road. Repairs for the truck are expected to take at least another hour.



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, March 25, 2007**

### **Beach traffic snarled by accidents**

Three vehicular crashes have brought traffic to a crawl on U.S. 80 (Tybee Road) in both the east and westbound lanes of the Bull River Bridge.

The first crash occurred shortly before 4 p.m. today. Police were investigating that wreck when two subsequent crashes occurred.

In the third crash, injuries were reported. However details about the extent of the injuries and cause of the crash currently are not available.

Motorists traveling along Hwy. 80 should expect delays because of the crashes. More details will be released when they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, March 25, 2007**

## **SCMPD investigates three alcohol-related crashes**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan police are investigating three alcohol related-crashes that sent five people to the hospital and one woman to jail. The crashes occurred between 2 a.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday.

Kelley Dewberry, 36, is in the Chatham County jail on charges of leaving the scene of an accident with serious injuries and driving with no license in her possession. Police arrested Dewberry after she struck a pedestrian while driving her 2005 Chevy Tahoe and left the scene.

Dewberry was traveling east on Johnny Mercer Boulevard when Ambrose Harrison walked into the path of the Tahoe. The crash occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday. Dewberry got out the car and called 911, but left before police arrived.

Officers found Harrison lying near Johnny Mercer and Sapelo Drive. Paramedics rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he is listed in serious but guarded condition. About 30 minutes later, they found the Tahoe in the Commodore Point subdivision on Wilmington Island and arrested Dewberry.

Investigators were still at the scene of the Johnny Mercer crash when they received another report of a wreck on the Truman Parkway near Montgomery Crossroads. Two people in that crash were seriously injured and had to be rushed to Memorial.

Henry Griffin White, 43, and Leeann Hutto, 33, were both occupants in a 1988 Chevy pickup that overturned at the Montgomery Crossroads exit from the Truman Parkway. The pickup was heading north on the Truman Parkway around 2 a.m. Sunday when it attempted to exit on to Montgomery Crossroads and lost control, according to investigators.

When police arrived on the scene, both of the occupants were found lying in the roadway. Traffic investigators are still trying to determine who was driving the pickup and what caused the crash.

About 24 hours earlier, police responded to the intersection of Victory Drive and Abercorn Street for a single car crash where two people had to be rushed to the hospital.

Christopher Issac, 22, of Norcross, was driving a Ford Mustang headed east on Victory. As the car approached Abercorn, Issac lost control and slammed into an oak tree on the southeast corner of the intersection. Upon impact, Issac was ejected from the car and seriously injured. The passenger, Courtney Taylor, 22, suffered only minor injuries, and was treated at Memorial and released.

In all three crashes, alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigations.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

Chief Michael Berkow

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

### **Driver dies from injuries in crash at 52nd and Stevens**

One of the drivers hospitalized after the Mar. 20 three-car crash at 52nd and Stevens streets has died. Ivory Givens, 60, of Savannah (not Gibens as reported in the initial release) died Wednesday afternoon at Memorial Health University Medical Center from injuries sustained from the crash.

Givens was driving the white Ford F-250 headed east on 52nd Street shortly after 10 a.m., when he collided with a stolen truck headed north on Stevens. The stolen 2004 Black Chevy Colorado was being driven 17-year-old Marquail Rakeem Mitchell.

Mitchell was driving the vehicle in a reckless manner when he barreled through a stop sign and caused the deadly collision. He is in jail charged with theft by receiving a stolen auto, obstruction, and reckless driving. More charges are now pending in connection with the death of Givens. Another 17-year-old, Derrick Middleton, was in the truck with Mitchell when the crash occurred.

The case file will now go to the District Attorney's Office before more charges are filed. More details on those charges will be released as they become available.

<http://www.scmpd.org/cityweb/spd.nsf/88132312270a048a85256e4500480e95/fef6418963dadb7a852572a40079841e?OpenDocument>

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Motorcyclist critically injured in traffic crash**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are investigating a traffic crash that sent a motorcyclist to the hospital with serious injuries. The crash occurred shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Walthour Road.

Gordon William Henderson 57, was headed north on Walthour Road, riding a 1979 Triumph Bonneville 750 motorcycle. As he approached the 800 block, he collided with a Chevy Van driven by 65-year-old Robert Wotring.

Wotring was traveling south on Walthour when he made a left turn into the path of the motorcycle, according to investigators. Henderson and the motorcycle were trapped beneath the van upon impact.

South Fire/EMS responded and raised the van to free the Henderson from the wreckage. Paramedics rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he is in critical condition.

The wreck remains under investigation with charges pending. More details will be released when they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **President Street traffic fatality**

The pedestrian struck shortly after 6 a.m. today as he walked along President Street has died. Savannah-Chatham Police have learned Herbert Williams, 49, of Savannah, was walking east on the busy stretch of highway between Capital and Walstrom Road when he was struck by a Ford F-250 pick up.

The driver, 63- year-old James Roger Straight, was headed east on President Street in the left lane of traffic when the truck's left driver side mirror struck the victim. The victim was walking in the road between the median and left lane at the time of the impact, according to investigators.

Paramedics rushed the victim to Memorial Health University Medical Center. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

The driver of the truck has not been charged, as the investigation continues. More details will be released when they become available. The eastbound lanes were reopened shortly after 8 a.m.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release**

### **Traffic Alert for President Street**

A pedestrian struck by a car along President Street has forced the eastbound lanes between Capital and Pennsylvania to close. The crash happened shortly after 6 a.m. when a car traveling east struck a pedestrian as he crossed the busy highway. The pedestrian has been taken to Memorial Health University Medical Center with critical injuries.

The eastbound lanes are expected to remain closed while police investigate. Westbound travel has slowed, but is still moving. Motorists traveling along President Street can expect delays and should choose an alternate route. More details about the wreck and traffic conditions will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Saturday, April 07, 2007**

### **Traffic fatality on GA 204**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a single car crash that claimed the life of one man and sent another to the hospital. It happened shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday on GA 204 between Veterans Parkway and King George Boulevard.

The 31-year-old driver, Joshua Barton, of Savannah, died at Memorial Health University Medical Center from injuries suffered in the crash. The passenger, Timothy Delisle, 17, also had to be treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

Investigators learned that Barton was headed west in his 1995 Infinity J30 when he lost control of the car approximately .5 miles east of King George Boulevard. The car traveled down an embankment and crashed into a tree.

Police found that both men were wearing seatbelts, but are investigating to determine if alcohol contributed to the deadly crash. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

### **Pedestrian struck by van on Abercorn**

A pedestrian crossing Abercorn Street shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday had to be taken to the hospital after being struck by a Chrysler Mini-van. Robert Brewer, 24, was not at a crosswalk when he stepped off the curb and darted into the path of the northbound van.

The driver, Mary Thompson, 43, of Savannah had no time to react to avoid the collision, according to investigators. Brewer was attempting to cross from the east to west side of the busy highway when he ran into traffic.

Paramedics rushed Brewer to Memorial Health University Medical Center with what appeared to be minor injuries. The officer cited him for failing to cross at a crosswalk.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, April 20, 2007**

### **FL Woman dies in traffic crash on I-95**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police have identified the woman who lost control of her SUV on Interstate 95 shortly before 4 p.m. Thursday. Emily Rund, 23, of Jacksonville, FL died this morning at Memorial Health University Medical Center from injuries sustained in the single-car crash.

The victim was headed north on I-95 between I-16 and GA 204 near mile post 97 in her Ford Explorer when she struck a guardrail. Upon impact, the SUV flipped over the rail onto the southbound shoulder of the roadway.

The crash reduced north and southbound travel to two lanes in each direction. SCMPD investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the fatal crash. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Tybee Road crash claims two lives**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a single car crash that claimed the lives of two soldiers from Hunter Army Airfield. The crash occurred around 8 p.m. on U.S. Highway 80 (Tybee Road) just east of the Bull River Bridge.

The 1999 Chevy Camaro was headed west when the driver lost control and went airborne off the roadway and slammed into a utility pole. Both of the occupants died at the scene.

The impact from the crash snapped the power pole and affected power for Tybee residents. Police and emergency crews, including Southside Fire/EMS and Georgia Power responded to the scene.

Extrication efforts by Southside Fire had to be used to remove one victim from the wreckage. Georgia Power officials anticipated loss of electricity until repairs to the pole and power lines could be made.

Police are trying to determine what caused the crash. Travel lanes along the highway were reduced one lane in both directions. Repairs to the utility pole and restoration of power were expected to last for several hours as of 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

The identities of the soldiers are being withheld until military authorities and family are notified. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Monday, April 23, 2007**

### **SC man dies in crash on MLK Boulevard**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating the cause of a crash that claimed the life of one man and sent another to the hospital with minor injuries. The single-car crash occurred on MLK Boulevard shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday between 37th and 38th streets.

The driver and passenger had to be rushed to Memorial Health University Medical Center where the passenger died from his injuries. He has been identified as 25-year-old Jason Heyward of Ridgeland, SC.

Police identified Anthony Miller, 22 also of Ridgeland, as the driver. Miller suffered only minor injuries. He was treated and released.

Traffic investigators say that Miller was headed south on MLK Blvd in his 1995 BMW when he lost control of the car and struck an oak tree. The tree was situated on the Westside of the roadway between 37th and 38th streets.

Upon impact, the car overturned and slid more than hundred feet before stopping. When police arrived on the scene, they found the car resting on its roof between 38th and 39th streets.

Investigators are working to determine how fast the car was going upon impact. No charges have been filed, pending further investigation.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

### **Traffic Crash sends four to the hospital**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating the cause of a crash that closed the southbound lanes of Abercorn between Tibet Avenue and Television Circle shortly before 8:30 p.m... The roadway reopened shortly after 11 p.m.Wednesday.

The driver of a blue Subaru headed north on Abercorn lost control of the car, crossed the median into the southbound lane and collided with a Toyota Solara.

Four people in all were sent to the hospital with non life threatening injuries, two from the Toyota and two from the Subaru.

The blue Subaru was speeding next to a black Neon SRT before the collision, according to witnesses. The Neon continued northbound on Abercorn after the wreck. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmppublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmppublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Reckless driver injured in crash on Highway 80**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a crash on Highway 80 that sent one man to the hospital. The crash occurred shortly after 4 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of Bryan Woods Road. That's where the driver of a Saturn passenger car speeding west on Highway 80 ran a red light and lost control of his car. The driver, 27 year-old Christopher Spencer of Savannah, caused his Saturn to overturn as he steered clear of another car making a left turn onto Bryan Woods Road from Highway 80.

Spencer, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the car. Paramedics responded and rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center. He is in serious condition. Witnesses reported Spencer driving the Saturn recklessly before it overturned in the intersection. Traffic investigators found two other vehicles that had been sideswiped by the Saturn between the Bull River Bridge and Turners Creek. The drivers of those vehicles were not injured.

The crash tied up traffic for a little more than an hour. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. More details will be released when they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, June 8, 2007**

### **SCMPD investigate teen's death**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a shooting that claimed the life of a teen-aged girl shortly before 7:30 p.m. Friday. The victim suffered a fatal gunshot wound while inside a restaurant at the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and MLK Boulevard. She died shortly after arriving to Memorial Health University Medical Center.

The preliminary findings in the case indicate the girl was not an intended target of the shooting. Instead, she became a victim of what appears to have been an accidental discharge. However, detectives won't be certain of the findings until all of the forensic evidence has been examined.

Police identified the victim as India Boston, 14, of Savannah. The girl was a regular at the restaurant in the 1600 Block of MLK Boulevard and well acquainted with all of the employees. She lived only blocks away, and was at the business waiting for a friend. She was in the restaurant only a short time when an employee reportedly went to remove a loaded handgun from a counter top.

That's when the gun discharged and struck the teen, according to witnesses. When police arrived, they found the victim with a wound to the head. All of the employees, including the man who handled the weapon, were still present.

Detectives began questioning the witnesses and employees. They have not charged the man who possessed the handgun. After substantial consultation with the District Attorney's Office, detectives released the employee, pending further investigation.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, June 10, 2007**

### **Speed and alcohol, factors in early a.m. crash**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police are investigating an early morning crash that critically injured one man, demolished a patrol car, and damaged a home. The crash occurred shortly before 6 a.m. at the corner of Habersham and east 57th Street.

The patrol car was parked in the 100 block of East 57th Street when a speeding Chevrolet Impala slammed into it. The impact forced the cruiser into the entrance of a house where the occupants were sleeping, and caused moderate damage to the home.

The residents were awakened, but not harmed. The driver of the Chevy was trapped inside the car.

Paramedics and firefighters responded to the scene where firefighters used the "Jaws of Life" to extricate the driver from the wreckage. The driver, Curtis Fireall, 22, had to be rushed to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he remains in critical condition.

Investigators say that Fireall was traveling north on Habersham Street at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the car. Speed and alcohol are believed to be contributing factors to the crash. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

###



**SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE**  
METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Monday, July 23, 2007**

**The Hunter Army Airfield Soldier that died in a motorcycle accident while riding north on the Veterans Parkway Friday was Raymond Chestly Christian II, 24, of Mount Gilead, NC.**

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Saturday, August 11, 2007**

### **Interstate traffic fatality**

A single vehicle crash on Interstate 95 claimed the life of one man and sent another to the hospital shortly before 3 p.m. Saturday. Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police responded to the scene about a half mile north of the exit to GA 204.

Police learned the GMC Envoy overturned and ejected both occupants after the driver lost control while headed south on the interstate.

One of the victims died at the scene. Paramedics rushed the other man to Memorial Health University Medical Center with serious injuries.

The identity and of the occupants, seating placement, and cause of the crash are under investigation. Two of the southbound lanes on the interstate had to be closed while police investigated.

The closure reduced the flow of traffic to a crawl temporarily. More details and the identity of the victims will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Monday, August 13, 2007**

### **Update-Interstate traffic fatality**

The occupants of the GMC that overturned on I-95 Saturday, Aug. 11, have been identified. The deceased is 52-year-old Lawrence Ainslie. The driver was Adam Ainslie, 30. The father and son both reside in Fort Myers, FL.

Savannah-Chatham Police have determined the younger Ainslie was operating the vehicle when it overturned near exit 94 in the southbound lane of the interstate. Police detected indicators of alcohol use and are awaiting blood alcohol concentration results.

No charges have been filed. The younger Ainslie remain in the hospital in serious condition.

The crash brought traffic to a crawl for several hours along the interstate. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Friday, August 17, 2007**

### **Toddler fatally injured by car**

Savannah-Chatham Police are investigating a crash that claimed the life of a toddler in Savannah's midtown. Tarmaine Boyd Jr., 2, suffered a fatal injury after being struck by a car driven by 20-year-old Darius Joel Davis in the parking lot behind 529 Nicoll Street.

Savannah-Chatham Police responded to the row of apartments shortly before 5:30 p.m. Friday and found the child with head injuries and unresponsive. The boy lived one of the row apartments. The driver was visiting a site under contraction at the apartments.

Witnesses told police Tarmaine was playing in the back of his apartment with several other children when the two-year-old ran across the parking lot. Davis pulled into the parking lot in his 1991 Cadillac Deville as the child entered his path.

The car struck the child, knocking him to the ground. The boy's family members began first aid and called for help.

Paramedic rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Unfortunately, he did not recover.

Police questioned and released the driver, pending the outcome of their investigation. More details will be released as they become available.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, September 30, 2007**

### **Savannah man dies in speed-related crash**

A single-vehicle crash has claimed the life of a Savannah man early Sunday. Andre Vaughn Dixon, 52, died at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Dixon was driving a 2000 Toyota Tacoma pickup west on 52nd Street shortly after 2 a.m. when he lost control near the intersection of Florance Street. The truck slammed into a house in the 700 block of 52nd Street, causing minor damage.

Paramedics rushed Dixon to Memorial, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. No one in the house was injured.

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police temporarily blocked traffic while they cleared the wreckage and investigated the crash. Witnesses reported the vehicle speeding before the driver lost control, according to investigators.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

METROPOLITAN

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Saturday, October 13, 2007**

### **Grove Point Road Traffic Fatality**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan police are investigating a fatal single-car crash on Chatham County's Westside. Michael Louis Tucker Jr., DOB 04-12-80, was operating a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe east on Grove Point Road shortly after 2 a.m. Saturday.

The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed when Tucker lost control and slammed into an oak tree located just east of Wild Heron Road on right shoulder of the road. The Sport Utility Vehicle burst into flames upon impact. The driver died at the scene.

Metro investigators say that speed was a factor in the fatal crash.

###



# SAVANNAH CHATHAM POLICE

*Chief Michael Berkow*

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Contact: Sergeant Mike Wilson

Phone: 912.651.6745 or 912.651.6666

Fax: 912. 525.1587

Email: [scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov](mailto:scmpdpublicaffairs@savannahga.gov)

**For Immediate Release Sunday, October 21, 2007**

### **SCMPD investigates fatal motorcycle crash**

A Guyton man died Sunday after crashing his motorcycle into the back of a trailer on Interstate 95 in West Chatham County.

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police responded to I-95 at the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway shortly after 2 p.m. for a report of a crash. Officers found Steven Cochran, 62, suffering from serious injuries. Paramedics rushed Cochran to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Investigators have learned Cochran was driving his 2004 Kawasaki motorcycle north on I-95 when he struck the rear end of a trailer being towed by an Isuzu Trooper. The driver of the Isuzu, 68-year-old Charles Bresky, was not injured.

Officers closed two of the northbound lanes while they investigated the crash and cleared the wreckage. All lanes have since re-opened. The cause of the crash remains under investigation, although the driver of the Isuzu was traveling under the minimum posted speed limit. No charges have yet been filed.

###