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Fatal Auto vs Pedestrian Crash on Staples Mill Road

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian.

On Monday, January 29, 2024, at approximately 2 a.m., Henrico Police responded to the intersection of Staples Mill Road and Bremner Boulevard for a reported vehicle versus pedestrian crash.

The preliminary investigation appears to show the driver of a Toyota RAV4 struck a pedestrian in the westbound lanes of Staples Mill Road between Bremner Boulevard and Sprenkle Lane. The suspect then drove away from the scene. Officers located the vehicle with the driver inside roughly two miles away. The juvenile male driver, age 17, was taken into custody.

The pedestrian, an adult male, was taken to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries where he later died. Henrico Police has identified the victim as **Andre Antonio Messado, 27, of New Jersey**.

At this time, alcohol appears to be a contributing factor in the crash.

The juvenile male has been issued petitions of:

- DUI
- Felony Hit and Run
- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Possessing a Fake ID
- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

Additionally, the suspect was issued a summons for operating a vehicle without a license. He is currently being held at the Henrico County Juvenile Detention Home.

Henrico Police extends its deepest condolences to Mr. Messado's family as they deal with his loss.

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Anyone with further information about this crash is asked to call Crash Team Investigator B. Jennings at (804) 928-0511. You can also submit tips via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com; both methods are anonymous.

Henrico Police would also like to remind our community members to “Watch Out Ahead Henrico” or “WOAH!” This traffic-safety campaign was created to have our community members say that very phrase. Whether you’re traveling by foot, bicycle or motor vehicle, we all have a role to play in getting to where we’re going safely. More information on this campaign [can be found here](#).

Watch Commander Release:

(Henrico County, Va.) – At 0200 hours, Henrico Police officers were dispatched to Staples Mill Road and Bremner Blvd for a vehicle vs. Pedestrian. The pedestrian was struck west bound on Staples Mill Road and was taken to a local hospital with life threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene and was quickly apprehended by officers. As a result of the accident, Staples Mill Road west bound will be shut down between Bremner Blvd and Wister Road. Any persons that may have information can contact Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000 or submit a tip to CrimeStoppers at (804) 780-1000 or through the P3Tips mobile application.

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