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## Henrico Police Investigates Fatal Crash on Mechanicsville Turnpike

### UPDATE 1

(Henrico County, Va.) – Henrico Police continues to investigate a deadly crash that occurred on Mechanicsville Turnpike.

On Friday, March 15, 2024, at approximately 8:46 p.m., Henrico Police responded to the 2600 block of Mechanicsville Turnpike for a three-vehicle crash. Once on scene, officers located an adult male in the roadway with obvious signs of trauma. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Henrico Police has identified the victim as **John A. Butler, 39, of Henrico.**

The preliminary investigation shows Mr. Butler was attempting to turn left from Mechanicsville Turnpike onto St. Claire Lane, when he was struck by another vehicle travelling east on Mechanicsville Turnpike. This action caused the vehicle to spin back into the westbound lanes and it was struck by a second vehicle travelling west on Mechanicsville Turnpike. During the crash Mr. Butler was ejected from his vehicle.

Detectives from the Henrico County Crash team responded to the scene to investigate. While they are in the early stages of their investigation, speed and no seat belts are believed to be factors in the crash. Detectives will continue to work closely with the State's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office throughout this thorough investigation.

Anyone with any further information regarding this crash is asked to contact Crash Team Investigator B. Jennings at (804) 501-5000. You can also submit tips via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com; both methods are anonymous.

Henrico Police reminds drivers to obey speed limits, drive sober, and avoid distracted driving. All occupants are reminded to buckle up before traveling anywhere. 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 "Watch Out Ahead Henrico" or "WOAH!" campaign and free reflective vests [can be found here](#).

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**(Henrico County, Va.)** – At 8:46 pm, Henrico Police and Henrico Fire responded to a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of Mechanicsville Turnpike and St. Claire Lane. Upon arrival it was determined that one of the adult drivers had succumbed to injuries. A second adult driver was treated at the scene and the third adult driver was transported to a local hospital with non-life threaten injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the Henrico Police Crash Team. Both west and east bound lanes of Mechanicsville Turnpike will remain closed for several hours into the night.

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