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Independent Investigations Division Investigating Police-Involved Vehicle Collision in Charles County

BALTIMORE, MD (December 3, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General is investigating a crash following an out-of-state police-involved pursuit which ended in La Plata, Charles County, Maryland, Tuesday morning.

The preliminary investigation revealed that on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, deputies with the King George County Sheriff's Office (KGSO) were pursuing a Kia sedan for an alleged robbery that took place in King George, Virginia. The Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and the La Plata Police Department (LPPD) were notified of the pursuit as it entered Maryland. In response, one CCSO deputy and two LPPD officers moved into stationary positions with their emergency lights activated at different points along Robert Crain Highway (Rt. 301) and deployed tire deflation devices. The Kia struck the tire deflation devices and continued driving at estimated speeds of over 100 miles per hour. None of the Maryland officers used their cruisers to pursue the Kia. The pursuit ended in the 6600 block of Robert Crain Highway (Rt. 301) at approximately 4:06 a.m., when the Kia collided with an uninvolved civilian vehicle as it traveled through the intersection at Port Tobacco Road. Officers rendered aid to the occupants of both vehicles, until EMS arrived and took over lifesaving efforts. The Kia's driver and front seat passenger – both juveniles – were transported to a local hospital where they are in critical condition. The driver of the uninvolved civilian vehicle was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No officers were injured. The involved officers were equipped with body-worn cameras.

The IID, with assistance from the Maryland State Police Crash Team, is investigating the circumstances leading up to the crash. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the IID at (410) 576-7070 or by email at IID@oag.state.md.us.

The IID will generally release the name of any involved officers within two business days of the incident, although that period may be extended, if necessary, pursuant to IID protocol. In accordance with juvenile privacy laws, the identities of the involved juveniles will be withheld.

The IID will generally release body-worn camera footage within 20 business days of an incident. There may be situations where more than 20 days are necessary, including if investigators need more time to complete witness interviews, if there are technical delays caused by the need to

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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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