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Fatality Notification - December 3, 2024 Police-Involved Vehicle Collision in Charles County

BALTIMORE, MD (December 6, 2024) – The Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General today was notified of the death of the juvenile passenger critically injured in the police-involved vehicle collision on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in La Plata, Charles County, Maryland.

The juvenile was pronounced dead at an area hospital on Thursday, December 5, 2024. In accordance with juvenile privacy laws, the name of the decedent will not be released.

The IID began investigating the circumstances leading up to this collision on December 3, in accordance with the IID's authority to investigate incidents of civilians suffering injuries likely to result in death. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

As previously released, the preliminary investigation revealed that on December 3, 2024, deputies with the King George County Sheriff's Office (KGSO) were pursuing a blue Kia 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 the juvenile driver remains 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.

To read the original news release, click here: <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/press/2024/120324a.pdf>. The involved officers were previously identified, as announced here: <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/press/2024/120524a.pdf>.

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