



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SECTION **COLLISION MEDIA ADVISORY**

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COLLISION SENDS THREE TO SHOCK TRAUMA

The Howard County Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on Friday, Aug. 21, at approximately 7:26 p.m. on Ten Oaks Road near Wye River Drive in Dayton. The single vehicle collision occurred during the height of the storm when the driver of a Honda Accord drove off the right side roadway and struck a tree. The driver and two occupants were transported by ambulance to the University of Maryland – Shock Trauma.

The driver has been identified as Wilber Chinchilla, 23, of the unit block of Dell Place in Laurel. He is listed in serious condition.

Jose Figueroa, 26, of Rockville, has been identified as one of the passengers and is listed in serious condition. The other passenger is Enrique Iraheta-Barela, 31, of Laurel, and is also listed in serious condition.

While the weather may have contributed to this collision, the consumption of alcoholic beverages is also suspected as a contributing factor.

Charges are pending further investigation by PFC Mark Reid.

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