



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Teenage bicyclist struck by DUI driver dies**

A 16-year-old Elkridge boy struck by a driver under the influence of alcohol early Friday morning has died.

Benjamin Wortman was pronounced dead on Friday at 3:08 p.m. Shock Trauma considers the patient in critical condition until the patient is discharged from the hospital, which occurred Saturday evening just after 10 p.m.

The suspect, Aaron Lorsong, 26, of West Friendship, was released from Howard County Detention Center Friday after posting \$100,000 bond. He is charged with causing a life threatening injury while driving under the influence of alcohol as well as possession of heroin. Police continue to investigate and may file further charges, pending the outcome of the investigation.

The collision occurred at approximately 12:34 a.m. on Friday on Md. 108 near Lark Brown Road. Wortman was traveling eastbound on Md. 108 riding his bicycle in the shoulder when he was struck by Lorsong, who was driving eastbound in a Nissan Altima.

Anyone with information about the collision is asked to call 410-313-3700. Callers may remain anonymous.

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