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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Howard County Police Investigate Officer Struck on Route 40**

The Howard County Police Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a serious personal injury collision that occurred on November 23, 2005 at approximately 1822 hours. The collision occurred on westbound Route 40 at Pebble Beach Drive and involved an Auxiliary Police Officer and two passenger vehicles.

Preliminary investigation has revealed a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer, was traveling westbound on Route 40 when it struck the Auxiliary Police Officer, who was standing in the roadway directing traffic from a prior collision. The Auxiliary Officer was pinned between the Blazer and the marked Auxiliary Police Vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe.

The Auxiliary Police Officer has been identified as Auxiliary Officer Petrus Lucas, 21 yoa, of the 4000 block of Roxmill Court in Glenwood, Maryland. Auxiliary Officer Lucas was taken by helicopter to Shock Trauma in Baltimore, MD and is listed in critical condition. The driver of the Blazer, identified as Johnny Raye Price, 35 yoa, of the 400 block of Mapel Lane in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Mr. Price was not injured in the collision.

The investigation is continuing by Cpl. Becraft of the Traffic Enforcement Section.