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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Howard County Police Investigating A Personal Injury Vehicle Collision Involving A Howard County Police Officer**

The Traffic Enforcement Section of the Howard County Police Department is investigating a personal injury vehicle collision that occurred this afternoon on Rt. 97 at Rt. 144, in Cooksville, Md.

At approximately 4:10 p.m., a marked Howard County Police vehicle was traveling southbound on Rt. 97 approaching the intersection of Rt. 144. At the same time, a Honda Civic was traveling northbound on Rt. 97 approaching the intersection of Rt. 144. The operator of the Honda failed to yield the right-of-way, attempted to make a left on to Rt. 144 and in the process collided into the driver's side of the police vehicle. The police vehicle subsequently rotated and struck a pole nearby.

The driver of the marked police vehicle has been identified as Corporal Mary Levy, 38, a thirteen-year veteran of the Howard County Police Department. Corporal Levy was flown to Shock Trauma as a precaution and is listed in stable condition.

The driver of the Honda has been identified as Lisa Garcia, 27, of the 7700 block of Cortina Drive in Highland, Md. Garcia was not injured in the collision. A citation was issued to Garcia for failing to yield the right-of-way on a left turn (TR 21-402.a).

Additional details will be released as they become available.

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