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MEDIA RELEASE

HEAD-ON COLLISION SENDS TWO TO SHOCK TRAUMA

The Howard County Police traffic enforcement section is investigating a serious personal injury collision that occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at approximately 5:12 p.m.. The two-vehicle collision occurred on Ellicott Mills Drive near Mt. Ida Drive in Ellicott City when a 2001 Honda Civic, traveling northbound on Ellicott Mills Drive, crossed the double yellow line and struck an oncoming vehicle.

The driver of the Civic has been identified as Valentin Potra, 29, of Reisterstown. He was transported to Shock Trauma where he remains in critical condition.

The driver of the struck vehicle, a Volkswagon Golf, was also transported to Shock Trauma and is in serious condition. He has been identified as Jonathan Watson, 26, of Ellicott City.

The right front passenger in the Golf, identified as Laurel Black, 23, of Ellicott City, was transported to Howard County General Hospital for minor injuries and has since been released.

Charges against the driver of the Honda Civic are pending further investigation by Pfc. Specht.

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