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MEDIA RELEASE

Collision Closes Morning Commuter Route

An early morning collision on Ten Oaks Road in the area of MD Rt. 108 closed the roadway for part of the morning rush hour commute. At approximately 4AM on Wednesday, December 22, 2004, a Ford Mustang traveling west on Ten Oaks Road, just west of Golden Harvest Court, crossed the double yellow line and struck an Allied Waste/BFI trash truck. The driver of the Allied Waste/BFI truck saw the Ford Mustang crossing the double yellow line, applied the truck brakes but was unable to avoid the head-on collision.

The driver of the Ford Mustang, *Adrian Allan Cmerek*, 20 years of age of the 5800 blk. Wild Orange Gate Clarksville Maryland, was flown by Maryland State Police Helicopter to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma. *Mr. Cmerek* is currently listed in Critical but Stable Condition.

The operator of the trash truck, a 2004 Mack Truck, was identified as Richard Charles Walkling, Sr., 49 years of age of Hillside Court Westminster Maryland. Mr. Walkling was not injured.

Extended scene cleanup was due to hydraulic fluid leaking onto the roadway when hydraulic hoses and the fluid storage tank were ruptured in the collision.

Charges are pending further investigation by Pfc. Thorn.

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