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Police Charge W.Va. Man with Homicide, Driving Under the Influence

The 22-year-old driver who caused a fatal collision in Lisbon Thursday night was arrested last night at his home in West Virginia. Joel Nathaniel Wareham, 22, of Miracle Lane in Martinsburg, was picked up by local West Virginia authorities after being charged in a warrant with homicide by motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, among other charges.

Wareham was released from the hospital yesterday after being treated for injuries he sustained in the crash. He currently is in custody in West Virginia and will be brought back to Maryland to face charges at a time that has yet to be determined.

The collision occurred around 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 on Frederick Rd. when the car Wareham was driving, a 2006 BMW, crossed the double-yellow center line and struck a 2001 Ford Explorer head-on. The driver of the Ford, Milton Stanley Bowens, Sr., 64, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Based on evidence and statements obtained during the investigation, police believe Wareham was under the influence of alcohol and traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the crash. Investigators are not releasing the specific details about the evidence or statements while the investigation continues. Police are awaiting test results to determine Wareham's blood alcohol content at the time of the crash, which could take a number of weeks.

A passenger in the BMW, Joshua Booth, 20, from Latonsville, Md. was in serious but stable condition following the collision. He has not been charged in the incident.

Three passengers in the Ford Explorer, Adrienne Jones, 44, and her daughters Corin Disney, 16, and Jasmin Disney, 13, all of Mt. Airy are being treated at local hospitals. Police believe the three were not related to Bowens, the driver who died in the crash.

Wareham faces a total of seven charges, including the homicide charge, as well manslaughter by motor vehicle and a series of DUI offenses.

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