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TRAFFIC COLLISION RESULTS IN 2 DEATHS

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on Thursday, November 23, 2006, Thanksgiving night at approximately 10:20PM. The 2-vehicle collision occurred on eastbound MD Rt. 175 at MD Rt. 108 when a vehicle failed to stop for a red traffic signal. The driver of a Nissan Sentra was eastbound on MD Rt. 175 and struck the rear of a Toyota Corolla that was stopped for the red traffic signal. The driver and passenger in the Toyota were both taken to the University of Maryland – Shock Trauma.

The driver of the Toyota has been identified as Jennifer Bower, 24 years of age, of the 10600 blk. Seneca Ridge Drive, Montgomery Village, Md. She died as a result of her injuries. The passenger in the Toyota has been identified as Brian Mathews, 21 years of age, of the 9000 blk. Shinleaf Court, Columbia Md. He died as a result of his injuries.

The driver of the Nissan – Eduardo Raul Morales-Soriano, 25 years of age, of 6310 Sandy Street, Laurel, Md., was not injured. Tests confirmed Morales-Soriano had a BAC above the legal limit. Morales-Soriano has been charged with 2 counts of Manslaughter While Intoxicated, 2 counts of Homicide by Motor Vehicle, and Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol.

This tragedy brings to the forefront the dangers of drinking and driving. The Howard County Police Department reminds everyone, please do not drink and drive. If you are going to drink, please use a designated driver, or call a taxi-cab.

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