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Single-vehicle collision sends two to Shock Trauma

The Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a single motor-vehicle collision that occurred today at approximately 3:30 p.m., at the intersection of Centennial Lane and Burnside Drive in Ellicott City.

Preliminary investigation indicates a 2000 Acura 3.2TL was traveling northbound on Centennial Lane, approaching Burnside Drive, when it failed to negotiate a turn and went off the roadway, striking a tree.

The driver was identified as Matthew Ryan Shaffer, 36, of Ellicott City. He was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where he is currently listed in critical condition.

The passenger was identified as Leslie Ann Kuehne, 35, of Woodstock. She was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where she is currently listed in serious but stable condition.

A witness stated the vehicle was driving erratically just prior to the collision. Police are investigating the possibility that the driver was under the influence at the time of the collision.

Centennial Lane at Burnside Drive was shut down periodically during the investigation.

The collision remains under investigation.

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