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Pedestrian struck by vehicle dies at hospital overnight

The pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle in Ellicott City last night has died from his injuries.

Victor Manuel Fuentes Benitez, 37, of Ellicott City, was pronounced dead overnight after being transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center with critical injuries.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., a Fiat 500 was traveling westbound on Baltimore National Pike near N Chatham Road when it struck a pedestrian in the roadway.

The driver of the Fiat, Zachary S. Beck, 27, and passenger, James S. Kim, 24, both of Woodstock, were not injured and remained at the scene. No other vehicles were involved.

Through preliminary investigation, police believe that the cause of the collision was likely pedestrian error. The investigation is ongoing.

Baltimore National Pike was closed between N Chatham Road and Plumtree Drive for approximately two and a half hours.

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