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Police investigate two-vehicle collision in Columbia

Howard County Police are investigating a two-vehicle collision that occurred in the 6300 block of Waterloo Road (Rt. 108) in Columbia at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the driver of a 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan was traveling northbound on Waterloo Road when the vehicle crossed the center line and struck a 2004 Toyota RAV 4 that was traveling southbound.

The driver and sole occupant of the Dodge Caravan has been identified as Melissa Boop, 31, of Butterfield Road in Elkridge.

The driver and sole occupant of the Toyota has been identified as Brian Shipley, 58, of Orchard Drive in Ellicott City.

Both drivers were transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in serious condition.

Investigators are looking into the possibility that alcohol may have contributed to the collision. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the collision.

Waterloo Road was closed between Old Waterloo Road and Mayfield Avenue until 5:30 p.m. as part of the investigation.

The collision is being investigated by the Traffic Enforcement Section's Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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