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## **Police investigating single-vehicle fatal collision**

Howard County Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal collision that occurred at approximately 3:55 p.m. today.

A 2009 Hyundai Sonata was attempting to travel through the upper level of a parking structure in the 5400 block of Vantage Point Road when it collided with the retaining wall and fell off the upper level into the lower parking lot.

The driver, Barbara Schwartz, 83, of Columbia, was transported to Howard County General Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Preliminary investigation revealed the driver, for an unknown reason at this time, accelerated through the upper level of the parking structure before striking the retaining wall.

The collision remains under investigation.

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