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## **Police investigate head-on collision in Ellicott City**

The Howard County Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Section is investigating a head-on collision involving two vehicles that occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. in Ellicott City.

A 2004 Cadillac was traveling northbound on Homewood Road in the area of Ashby Court when it collided with a 2015 Mercedes traveling southbound. The Cadillac crossed the double yellow center line at the time of the collision.

The driver of the Cadillac, Fernando Rodrigo Ballesteros, 57, of Ellicott City, was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore and is currently listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Mercedes, Melissa Marie Hutchison, 35, of Elkridge, was also transported to Shock Trauma Center and is currently listed in stable condition.

Two children, age nine, who were passengers in the back seat of the Mercedes, were transported to Howard County General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigation and a witness account have revealed the Cadillac was traveling at a high rate of speed just prior to the collision.

Homewood Road, between Ashby Court and Castlebridge Road, was closed for approximately two and a half hours for an investigation.

The investigation is ongoing.

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