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For Immediate Release

Savannah, GA (October 24, 2008 3:00 p.m.): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Traffic Investigators are at the scene of a fatality car wreck near Fort Argyle and the 204. The road will be closed between Old River Road and Bush Road for the next several hours. One person died in the wreck and four others were taken to Memorial University Medical Center with serious injuries. Initial reports from the scene indicate the wreck was between a truck and car.

Police urge motorists to stay away from the area.

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More information will be forthcoming within in the next hour or so about the incident ...



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For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Shipyard Road traffic fatality

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a single-car crash that killed the driver and sent four passengers to the hospital. The crash occurred on Shipyard and Lehigh roads shortly before 11 p.m. Monday.

Jonathan Lee Vadi, 19, of Pooler, was driving north on Shipyard in his Dodge Dakota pickup when he lost control and struck a large oak tree.

Paramedics rushed Vadi and four of his passengers to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Vadi died shortly after arrival.

Passengers, Brittany Lynn, 17, of Savannah, and Brandon Sawyer, 19, of Pooler, were admitted with serious injuries. Robert Bishop, 19, of Bloomingdale, was treated and released. Justin Smith, 15, of Pooler, was checked and not injured.

The roadway remained closed for several hours while police investigated and cleared the debris. Investigators are still in the process of determining the cause of the fatal crash.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Traffic Investigation Updates

Two people have succumbed to injuries suffered in two unrelated traffic crashes. Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have charged the driver in connection with one of the crashes.

The charge stems from the crash that has claimed the life of Nichola Coe, who was struck by an SUV Dec. 9 on the Truman Parkway. Coe died Wednesday morning at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Coe and her husband, Daniel Coe, were struck after they stopped to render aid to a teen that lost control and crashed his car on the parkway. A Saturn Vue, driven by 87-year-old Daniel Fogarty, was heading north and hit the couple as they walked toward the wreckage near the Delesseps Avenue exit.

Traffic investigators charged Fogarty about a week after the crash with improper lane usage. An additional charge of second- degree vehicular homicide is pending a review by the district attorney's office.

Daniel Coe remains in the hospital. The teen was cited for traveling too fast for conditions.

The second fatal crash involved Sheila Maria Johnson, who died Tuesday night from injuries she suffered in a Jan. 6 crash at DeRenne Avenue and Abercorn Street. Johnson was headed north on Abercorn Street in a 2007 Toyota Corolla when she slammed into a 2004 Ford Taurus.

The Taurus, driven by 59-year-old Della M. Moye, of Pooler, was headed east on DeRenne before being struck by the Corolla. The crash occurred shortly after 7 a.m. Jan. 6 when Johnson ran the red light at a high rate of speed, according to witnesses.

The impact caused the driver of the Taurus to lose control and slam into pole. The crash, which also destroyed a red-light camera in the intersection, sent both drivers to the hospital with serious injuries.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, February 14, 2008

Islands Expressway traffic fatality

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a fatal crash on Islands Expressway at the entrance to Oatland Island. The crash, involving a Sport Utility Vehicle and passenger car, happened shortly before 6 p.m. in the eastbound lane of the expressway.

The passenger car appears to have been struck as the driver attempted to cross the eastbound lanes of the expressway from Oatland Island. The car reportedly entered the path of the SUV, which was headed east.

The driver of the car died at the scene. At least one person had to be extricated from the wreckage using the Jaws of Life. The driver of the SUV also had to be taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

The identity of the drivers including the deceased can be obtained at police headquarters, once the next of kin is notified on Friday. Traffic in both directions of the highway was closed while emergency crews cleared the debris and investigated the crash.

A traffic advisory for motorists commuting to and from the islands is to take an alternate route until the roadway reopens.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Dean Forest Road Fatal Crash-update

The traffic crash involving three vehicles on Dean Forest Road shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday has claimed the life of one man and left two people in the hospital.

Douglas Covington, 38, of Pembroke died at Memorial Health University Medical Center from injuries sustained in the wreck. Covington and a passenger, 44-year-old Kelly Bigness of Nokomis FL, was headed south on Dean Forest Road in an Olds Olero when they were struck by a GMC pickup.

The driver of the pickup, Archie Burson, 59, of Bloomingdale was headed north before crossing over into the south bound lane, hitting the Olds head on. Metro traffic investigators have cited weather, speed, and inattentive driving as contributing factors.

Burson remains in the hospital with serious injuries. The passenger in Covington's car also remains in the hospital in serious but stable condition.

The driver of a Mazda 626, identified as Richard Boggs, 36, was trailing the Olds in the southbound lane of Dean Forest when the crash happened. His car sustained only minor damage with no injury reported.

The roadway reopened shortly after 10 p.m.



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For Immediate Release Sunday, April 13, 2008

Three injured, one dead in traffic crashes

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating two unrelated crashes that left one man dead and sent three others to the hospital.

Michael Williams, 27, died early Sunday morning after a wreck at Harden and 39th streets. Williams was one of three people traveling west on 39th Street in a silver Ford Fusion around 12:30 a.m.

The driver lost control of the Ford, causing it to strike a small bush and then a large tree. The car overturned before crashing into a house in the 700 block of West 39th Street. No one in the house was injured.

Paramedics rushed Williams, Frenchee Hilliard, 21, and Michael Jones, 19, to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Williams was pronounced dead at the hospital. Hilliard and Jones were listed in serious condition.

The preliminary investigation indicated Hilliard was driving the Ford at a high rate of speed when the crash occurred. Charges are pending

About 30 minutes earlier, Metro Police investigated a crash involving a vehicle and pedestrian at Waters Avenue and 37th Street. Said Quran, 18, was driving a Toyota Camry north on Waters Avenue when a man walked into his path.

The pedestrian, 63-year-old Lawrence Johnson, was taken to Memorial, where he was listed in serious condition. Quran and his passenger were not injured.

Traffic investigators have determined Johnson did not use a crosswalk when he walked in front of Quran's car.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Quacco Road Traffic Fatality

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police are investigating a crash that claimed the life of a motorist on Quacco Road.

The single-car crash happened shortly before 11 p.m. Monday when George Adam Keller, 36, lost control of his 1995 Ford F-150 while heading west on Quacco.

The vehicle left the roadway after crossing over the eastbound lane and crashed into a ditch. Paramedics rushed Keller to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he later died.

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Following is a list of the victims involved in a 2-car fatal crash on Ogeechee Road Saturday May 31:

Vehicle: #2 Chevrolet Impala-Southbound Ogeechee Road

Robert Townsend, 51- **Deceased**

Lynn Townsend, 52

Timothy Figal, 62,

Linda Figal, 60

Vehicle: #1 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer-Northbound on Ogeechee Road attempting left turn onto Silk Hope Road

Sandra Bunton, 47, Midway-**Deceased**

For more details, click on the link below



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For Immediate Release Saturday, May 31, 2008

Two dead, three injured in Ogeechee Road crash

A two-car crash in west Chatham County has claimed the lives of two people and sent three others to the hospital.

The crash occurred shortly after 6 p.m. at Ogeechee and Silk Hope roads. It forced the closure of all lanes of Ogeechee Road between Dean Forest and Cottonvale roads for several hours.

Paramedics rushed three passengers from a Chevrolet Impala to Memorial University Medical Center with serious injuries. The driver died at the scene. The driver of a Chevrolet S-10 Blazer also died at the scene.

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police learned the crash happened when the Blazer turned into the path of the southbound Impala. The SUV was attempting to turn on to Silk Hope from the northbound lane of Ogeechee.

No charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing. The names of the drivers and passengers will be released as they become available.

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For Immediate Release:

Police Seek Hit and Run Vehicle

Savannah, GA (June 4, 2008, 08:05): Metro Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating a car involved in a fatal hit and run that happened last night on Abercorn Street. Eleven-year-old **Tristen A.Linthicum** died at Memorial Medical Center shortly after transport.

Tristin was walking home with his brother just before 9:30 last night. As they attempting to cross Abercorn Street at Holland Drive, in front of Plantation Oaks Apartments, a vehicle hit Tristin and left the scene at a high rate of speed. Police are looking for a small black colored vehicle, possibly a glossy black Honda Accord, with bright white headlights and possibly a spoiler or wing on the trunk lid. The vehicle may have tint on the rear windows. The vehicle should have damage to the front bumper and hood area, and is missing a headlight.

Police remind motorists to be extra cautious on the roads during the summer months, when more people may be out after nightfall.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident or a similar vehicle is asked to contact SCMPD or CrimeStoppers immediately.

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One man dead after two motorcycles collide

SAVANNAH, GA (June 22, 2008): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police traffic investigators are on the scene of a two-vehicle motorcycle wreck that has left a 19-year-old dead. The incident occurred just after 1:30 p.m. on the Harry Truman Parkway, just past the Anderson Street on-ramp going northbound.

Witnesses tell police that two sets of motorcycles were traveling northbound on the Truman Parkway, when one of the pair sped ahead. It was shortly thereafter, it appears the two following bikes clipped each other sending both riders to the pavement. Both men were taken by ambulance to Memorial Medical Center. The 19-year-old was pronounced dead at the hospital, while the other rider, a 21-year-old man suffered road rash, and other non-life-threatening cuts and bruises. The name of the crash victim will not be released until next of kin is notified. However, both he and the man who survived the crash are soldiers at Hunter.

Police expect the northbound lanes of Harry Truman Parkway to be closed between Anderson and President Street for the next several hours until investigators can complete their work. Police are asking the riders of the other two bikes to come forward. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact SCMPD police or CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020.

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

SAVANNAH, GA (June 23, 2008): Savannah-Chatham Metro Police have released the name of the two men involved in the fatal motorcycle wreck on Harry Truman Parkway Sunday afternoon. Dead is 19-year-old Michael Scott Krick. Delbet Andrew Conley, 21, was released from hospital with abrasions. Both were soldiers stationed at Hunter Army Air Force base.

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Traffic Accident Leaves One Man Dead

SAVANNAH, GA (August 17, 2008 5:30AM): Traffic Investigators are currently working on reconstructing the scene of an early morning accident that has killed one man on East bound President Street. The vehicle traveled at a high rate of speed, left the roadway and flipped over. Further Details are not available at this time. Motorists are asked to avoid traveling Eastbound on President Street from General McIntosh Blvd. until crews and investigators have cleared the scene.

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POLICE RELEASE DRIVER'S NAME OF FATAL ACCIDENT ON PRESIDENT STREET

SAVANNAH,GA (AUGUST 18,2008 2:30PM): Police have released the name of the driver of the vehicle accident that left one man dead. The accident occurred on President Street early Sunday morning after the vehicle left the roadway, traveled down an embankment, struck several trees and came to rest on its roof. The Savannah man has been identified as Andre Antonio Howsia, age 23. Mr. Howsia sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.



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Single car wreck claims life

SAVANNAH, GA (September 14, 2008): A single vehicle wreck has claimed the life of a 19-year-old woman. The crash happened on Veterans Memorial Parkway northbound between Chatham Parkway and the 204 around 6:15 this evening.

It appears the driver lost control of the car and it veered off the road and into the guardrail that divides the highway and flipped over. Three other young women in the car, a silver Ford Escort, suffered various cuts and bruises. The victim was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The identity of the woman will not be released until next of kin are notified.

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police re-routed traffic off Veterans Memorial Parkway northbound for a number of hours while traffic investigators worked the scene.



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Tractor Trailer Strikes and Kills Pedestrian on I-95

SAVANNAH,GA (October 14, 2008) Metro police traffic investigators are still at the scene on Interstate 95 where a man was struck and killed this morning at around 6:20 AM. One man is arrested.

The incident occurred on the northbound side of I-95, just south of the Jimmy Deloach Parkway. The man killed has been identified as 40 year old, James Maier of Savannah. He was struck by the eighteen wheeler after exiting his vehicle which had broken down on the side of the road.



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Fatality on Hwy 204 NOT a Hit and Run

SAVANNAH, GA. (October 15, 2008): Metro Police Traffic Investigators have determined that the fatality on Hwy 204 and I-95 was NOT a hit and run. Originally a witness said that another car had been involved and had fled the scene, but after further questioning and evaluating evidence, investigators determined that a 1993 Buick Park Avenue was the only vehicle involved.

It was determined that Mrs. Kokila Patel and two of her friends were attempting to cross highway 204 when the vehicle struck Kokila Patel and one of her friends. Kokila Patel was pronounced dead at the scene. Her friend was apparently struck by the mirror of the car and had only minor injuries while her other friend was uninjured.

The collision closed both eastbound and westbound lanes of Hwy 204 for several hours last night.



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Fatal Motorcycle Wreck on Hodgson Memorial Drive

SAVANNAH GA (October 17, 2008): Today at around 1:40 PM, in the 7300 block of Hodgson Memorial drive, a man was killed when a car turned in front of him. Traffic Investigators have determined that a 26 year old man was traveling north on Hodgson Memorial drive when a Ford Escort, traveling south, attempted to turn into the Woods apartments at 7364 Hodgson Memorial drive. The vehicle turned into the path of the motorcycle causing him to collide with the right side of the car. The driver of the motorcycle suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The name of the man driving the motorcycle has not been released at this time and charges are pending.



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Single Car Crash on Abercorn Leaves One Man Dead

SAVANNAH, GA. (October 18, 2008): Early this morning at around 1:50 AM, 19 year old, Chad Allan Erb died from injuries received from a single car crash. Traffic Investigators have determined that Mr. Erb was driving a 1989 Toyota Camry, south on Abercorn street at a high rate of speed, in the left lane. His vehicle sideswiped the median curbing at Mohawk and Abercorn causing his vehicle to skid across two lanes and leave the roadway. His vehicle struck several trees and came to rest off of the road in a ditch. Savannah Police and Fire Rescue responded to the scene where the "jaws of life" were used to remove Mr. Erb from the vehicle. He was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where he died from his injuries. It is believed that alcohol and excessive speed contributed to the cause of this fatal crash.