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Fatality Crash NEWS RELEASE – September 18th 2009

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Albemarle County Police are investigating a fatal single vehicle car crash that occurred at 8:38 am this morning in the 4800 block of Irish Road (VSH 6) just east of Sharon Road (Rt. 723) in the Schuyler area of Albemarle County.

The victim driver has been identified as Ashley D. Turlington, 24 YOA, a resident of Campbell County in the Lynchburg Virginia area.

Investigation shows that the victim was operating a silver in color 2003 Kia Sorento SUV and was traveling eastbound on Irish Road. The vehicle was exiting a slight left hand curve and went off onto the right shoulder. The driver steered back to the left, overcorrecting and losing control. The vehicle subsequently went down an embankment off the left side of the road and struck several trees. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no other vehicles involved in the crash and no other occupants were in the vehicle.

Causation factors are still being investigated. It is not believed that speed was a factor but this has not yet been ruled out. Alcohol was not a factor. The victim was seat belted in the vehicle. The weather was overcast and the road surface was wet at the time of the crash.

Irish Road was completely closed for four hours while the crash scene was investigated and processed.

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