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COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Albemarle County Police Department is investigating a fatality traffic crash that occurred on October 22, 2009 in the 3500 block of Monacan Trail at the intersection with Plank Road. The crash occurred at approximately 5:19 P.M.

The victim, Kathryn Russell a 53 year old resident of North Garden, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. Two other persons were injured in the crash, but their injuries are not life threatening.

Initial investigation shows that a 1989 Dodge pickup truck operated by Russell was traveling east on Plank Road. Russell was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of Monacan Trail and pulled into the path of a 2003 Chevrolet van, driven by Thomas Carter, Sr., that was traveling south. It does not appear that Russell was wearing a seatbelt and she was ejected from the vehicle. Carter and a juvenile passenger in the van were extricated by fire rescue personnel and transported to the University of Virginia Medical Center for treatment. Their injuries are not life threatening.

Members of the Albemarle County Police Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the scene to investigate the crash. Although the investigation continues, it does not appear that alcohol or speed were factors in the crash. Southbound Monacan Trail was closed for approximately 3 ½ hours while the scene was investigated and processed. There are no charges pending at this time.

**Sergeant Jerry Utz
Evening Patrol Division**

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