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### **Driver remains critical after vehicle overturns into Ellicott City pond**

*Brendan Langhauser was involved in two hit-and-runs minutes before crash*

A driver who was injured after overturning his car into an Ellicott City pond yesterday remains in critical condition. Police have learned that Brendan N. Langhauser, 38 of Hanover, Pa., was involved in two hit-and-run incidents minutes before the crash, with no injuries.

Langhauser struck vehicles on I-70 and Route 29 before exiting onto Route 100, where he struck a guard rail and came to a stop in the pond near Executive Park Drive.

Langhauser first struck a Ford SUV driven by a 75-year-old woman just before 1:30 p.m. on westbound I-70. According to witnesses, Langhauser stopped his car in a driving lane and went into reverse, striking the SUV. Witnesses then saw him drive off onto Route 29 southbound. The woman was not injured and she was the only occupant in the SUV.

The second hit-and-run was reported moments later on Route 29 when Langhauser's vehicle sideswiped a Ford van traveling in the adjacent lane. The 33-year-old male driver was not injured and there was no one else in the van. Langhauser's car continued traveling on Route 29 southbound and exited onto Route 100 eastbound.

Langhauser's Ford Edge was then spotted driving at a high rate of speed on Route 100. Witnesses reported the car drifted to the right side of the road, striking the guard rail and overturning into the pond.

Police officers and a water rescue team from the Howard County fire department pulled Langhauser from the car and began to administer first aid. He was taken to Howard County General Hospital and later transferred to Shock Trauma. There was no one else in the vehicle.

Police believe speed was a factor and are investigating to determine if Langhauser was driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The investigation is ongoing.

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