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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police identify driver in fatal single-vehicle collision**

Howard County police are identifying the driver and sole-occupant in this morning's fatal single-vehicle collision in Ellicott City.

Sukhita Himanshu Jayaratna, 29, of Singers Glen Drive in Olney, was pronounced dead at the scene. Preliminary investigation revealed he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., Jayaratna's 2005 Honda Pilot was traveling westbound on Columbia Road just west of Hemlock Cone Way when it left the roadway for an unknown reason and struck a tree. The investigation is ongoing.

Columbia Road was closed between Hemlock Cone Way and Old Dragon Path for two and a half hours.

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