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Police identify officer, civilians involved in three vehicle collision

*Release photo of damaged patrol car in an effort to
compel drivers to obey the Move Over Law*

Howard County police are identifying the police officer and civilians involved in a three vehicle collision this morning on Route 100 westbound in Ellicott City. The department is releasing a photo of the damaged patrol car as a reminder to drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles as required by law.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., an officer was conducting a traffic stop on a Volkswagon Jetta on the right shoulder of Route 100 westbound just prior to Snowden River Parkway when a Cadillac Escalade left the roadway for an unknown reason and struck the rear of his patrol car, pushing it into the Volkswagon.

Pfc. Joseph Gallina, 45, a 22-year veteran of the department, was treated and released at Howard County General Hospital.

The driver of the Cadillac Escalade, Rodney Darnell Harris Jr., 31, of Baltimore, was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center with non-life-threatening injuries. He is currently stable.

The driver of the Volkswagon, Daniel Bernard Wilson, 31, of Linthicum Heights, was not injured.

The patrol car's emergency lights were activated and all parties were inside their vehicles at the time of the collision. Charges have not been filed at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

The right hand lanes of Route 100 westbound were closed for approximately two hours.

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