



Police Department News Release
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Date: 15 November 2016

- **Type of Crash:** Single Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 11/14/2016 **Time of Crash:** 11:48pm
- **Location of Crash:** 10200 Bent Mountain Rd.
- **Investigating Officer:** POII W.S. Hoopes
- **Victim Name(s):** Amber Yates
- **Victim Age:** 28
- **Victim Residence Location:** Hillsdale, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):** Justin Hopson
- **Suspect Age:** 28
- **Suspect Residence Location:** Hillsdale, VA
- **Charges if Applicable:** Pending
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs may have been a factor, see narrative.
- Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Monday, November 14, 2016 at approximately 11:48pm, Roanoke County officers were dispatched to the 10200 block of Bent Mountain Road in reference to a traffic crash involving a single vehicle. The vehicle ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a sign and a tree. The driver of the vehicle, Mr. Hopson, was transported to the hospital. The front passenger, Ms. Yates, was pronounced deceased on scene by rescue personnel. Both occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of crash. Alcohol and drugs may have been a factor. This crash is currently still under investigation by the Roanoke County Police Department.