



## Police Department News Release

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**Date:** 5/9/23

- **Type of Crash:** Two Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 5/9/23            **Time of Crash:** 7:19 am
- **Location of Crash:** 5900 Old Mountain Rd
- **Investigating Officer:** POIII K. Cahoon
- **Victim Name(s):**
- **Victim Age:**
- **Victim Residence Location:**
- **Suspect Name(s):** Walter Rodriguez Flores
- **Suspect Age:** 23
- **Suspect Residence Location:** Roanoke
- **Charges if Applicable:** None
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts information listed in narrative.
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Tuesday May 9, 2023, a 2008 Mercury Mariner, driven by Walter Rodriguez Flores, crossed the double yellow line in the 5900 block of Old Mountain Rd in Roanoke County. The Mercury struck a 2018 Buick Encore headon. The driver of the Buick was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Mr. Rodriguez Flores was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene. Drugs and alcohol were not believed to be a factor in the crash. No charges are pending in this case and the investigation is on going. The road was blocked for about two hours but has been reopened.

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