



# News Release



For Immediate Release

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- **Type of Crash:** Multiple Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 07/03/2011    **Time of Crash:** 10:57 PM
- **Location of Crash:** West Main Street near Campbell Drive
- **Investigating Officer:** Officer D.A. Tribble
- **Victim Name(s):** Hubert Fields 3rd / Arlynn Roupe / Lee McKinney
- **Victim Age:** Fields 3rd - 36 / Roupe - 26 / Lee McKinney - 75
- **Victim Residence Location:** Fields 3<sup>rd</sup> - Elliston / Roupe - Elliston / McKinney Boones Mill
- **Suspect Name(s):** Daniel S. Benitez
- **Suspect Age:** 25
- **Suspect Residence Location:** Salem, VA
- **Charges if Applicable:** DUI, No Operator's License, 2 counts of DUI Maiming, Hit & Run resulting in injury, and no liability insurance
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs may have been a factor, see narrative.
- Seatbelts N/A
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.

- Additional Remarks:** This is an updated press release giving additional details of the incident and those involved. The suspect vehicle, driven by Daniel Benitez, was a 1993 Nissan pick up truck. This truck struck the rear of a 2004 Ford Mustang that had stopped to assist a disabled motorist. The Mustang had on its hazard lights at the time of the crash and was parked behind a 1988 Toyota pick up truck, driven by Lee McKinney. The Toyota truck was the disabled vehicle. A 2009 Nissan Versa, driven by Hubert Fields 3<sup>rd</sup>, also stopped to assist Mr. McKinney. The Nissan Versa was parked directly in front of the Toyota truck facing hood to hood to help jump start the truck.

When the Mustang was struck in the rear, Arlynn Roupe was sitting in the front passenger side of the Mustang. Ms. Roupe is currently at Roanoke Memorial Hospital with severe injuries. Mr. McKinney was also transported to RMH and has since been released. Mr. Fields 3<sup>rd</sup> was the victim pinned in between the Nissan Versa and the Toyota truck. Mr. Fields 3<sup>rd</sup> is still currently at RMH with severe injuries. The suspect Daniel Benitez was not injured during the crash.

In addition to the original charges of DUI and no operator's license, Daniel Benitez was subsequently charged with 2 counts of DUI Maiming, Hit & Run resulting in injury, and no liability insurance.

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