



News Release



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Date: 7/10/11

- **Type of Crash:** Multiple Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 7/09/11 **Time of Crash:** 11:11 PM
- **Location of Crash:** Oakland Blvd @ Maplelawn Ave
- **Victim Name(s):** Timora Reynolds
- **Victim Age:** Unk- Adult
- **Victim Residence Location:** Martinsville, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):** Ralph Garland Alfred Jr.
- **Suspect Age:** 47
- **Suspect Residence Location:** Roanoke, VA
- **Charges if Applicable:** Felony Elude; Felony Hit and Run; Reckless Driving; Suspended License
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
- **Additional Remarks:** Officers of the Roanoke County Police Department were conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Hershberger Road at Oakland Boulevard. Ralph Alfred Jr. was driving a Chevy Blazer westbound on Hershberger Road when he entered into the checkpoint. Mr. Alfred Jr. abruptly turned into the opposing lane and accelerated in an attempt to

avoid the checkpoint, nearly striking an officer standing in the roadway. Mr. Alfred Jr. turned onto Oakland Boulevard. Officers from the checkpoint proceeded after the vehicle with emergency equipment activated. Mr. Alfred Jr. struck a Pontiac Solstice driven by Timora Reynolds that was attempting to turn left onto Maplelawn Avenue, which is a short distance from Hershberger Road. The right side of a police vehicle driven by Officer D. Tribble with the Roanoke County Police Department struck the Pontiac as well while it was rotating to a stop. The Chevrolet driven by Mr. Alfred Jr. continued a short distance before he exited and fled on foot. He was located by a Roanoke City Police K-9 officer a short distance from the scene within 25 minutes of the crash. Mrs. Reynolds was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for examination. Neither Officer Tribble nor Mr. Alfred Jr. was injured.

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