



News Release

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- **Type of Crash:** Two Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** March 21, 2011 **Time of Crash:** 9:01 AM
- **Location of Crash:** 5900 block of Catawba Valley Drive
- **Investigating Officer:** S.P. Chuyka
- **Victim Name(s):** Tucker, Samuel Eugene
- **Victim Age:** 72
- **Victim Residence Location:** Covington, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):** N/A
- **Suspect Age:** N/A
- **Suspect Residence Location:** N/A
- **Charges if Applicable:** Pending investigation
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On this date at 9:01 AM, Roanoke County Police Department units were dispatched to a two vehicle crash in the 5900 block of Catawba

Valley Drive. Upon investigation, it was discovered that a white Ford F-150 truck that had been travelling southbound struck a blue Jeep Cherokee that had been travelling northbound. The vehicles struck at an angle with the head-on impact occurring in the northbound lane of Catawba Valley Drive. The impact caused both vehicles to strike the guard rail and to be engulfed in flames. Three passengers from the Jeep Cherokee were transported by Roanoke County Fire & Rescue personnel to an area hospital with non life threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford truck, James R. Bevins (62 yoa) of New Castle was also transported to an area hospital with non life threatening injuries. The driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Samuel Tucker (72 yoa) from Covington passed away as a result of the crash. Charges are pending further investigation and review of the investigation by the Roanoke County Commonwealth Attorney.

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