



News Release

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- **Type of Crash:** Multiple Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 3/22/11 **Time of Crash:** 1020
- **Location of Crash:** 7900 block of Bent Mountain Road
- **Investigating Officer:** PO II S. Chuyka
- **Victims:** Steven P. Key, 52, of Bent Mountain, VA
James M. McNeil, 74, of Pilot, VA
Daniel J. McNeil, 44, of Pilot, VA
Samantha M. Stump, 23, of Copper Hill, VA
- **Charges if Applicable:** Investigation Continues
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** Roanoke County Police responded to a three car crash in the 7900 block of Bent Mountain Road. Investigation revealed Steven Key was traveling southbound on Bent Mountain Road when for unknown reasons his Toyota went into the northbound lane. James McNeil was traveling northbound on Bent Mountain in a Subaru and was unable to avoid a head on crash. After impact, the Subaru left the roadway and rolled into an adjacent field. After impact, the Toyota drifted back into the southbound lane. Samantha Stump had been driving a Chevrolet directly behind the Subaru. Samantha Stump swerved into the southbound lane in an attempt to avoid the first crash and struck Mr. Key's vehicle.

Steven Key was pronounced dead at the scene. James McNeil was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries. Daniel McNeil, a passenger with James McNeil, was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Samantha Stump was not seriously injured.

The investigation will continue.

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