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COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Serious Accident 29/250 By-pass NEWS RELEASE – November 24, 2008

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The Albemarle County Police Department is investigating a 2-vehicle accident that occurred this evening at approximately 9:00 PM at the 29/250 By-pass near the Barracks Road on-ramp. The scene was in the southbound lane about one-tenth of a mile south of Barracks Road.

The preliminary investigation of this accident shows that a 2007 Hyundai 4-door sedan operated by Brittany E. Jarrell, a 20 year old resident of Albemarle County, was northbound and crossed the median. The vehicle struck a 2005 Toyota Highlander SUV, driven by 48 year old Tracey S. Wagner of Afton, head-on. The Hyundai then hit a guard rail and rolled over several times. Miss Jarrell was ejected from the vehicle as well as a passenger, Lindsey M. Spatz, 23 years old from Charlottesville.

All of the victims were transported to the University Medical Center. Miss Jarrell is in critical condition, Miss Spatz is in serious condition, and Ms. Wagner was treated and released. The southbound lane of the By-pass was shut down for a short time while emergency crews helped the victims.

The Albemarle County Crash Investigation Team responded to the scene and assumed the reconstruction. The cause of the crash is still under investigation, and it is unknown if alcohol or speed were a factor.

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