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# **COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **NEWS RELEASE - December 5, 2008**

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The Albemarle County Police Department investigated a motor vehicle crash that occurred today at 5:29 P.M, at the intersection of Thomas Jefferson Parkway and James Monroe Parkway.

The Emergency Communication Center initially began receiving calls regarding a reckless driver, westbound on Thomas Jefferson Parkway, just before the accident happened. At the intersection, a 2004 Mitsubishi 4DR was eastbound on Thomas Jefferson Parkway and upon entering the curve was struck head on by a 1993 Ford SUV. The Ford SUV had been the subject of the reckless driving calls and had actually sideswiped a vehicle prior to the head on collision.

The accident closed Thomas Jefferson Parkway for nearly 2 hours as two of the victims had to be extricated from the Mitsubishi. Annie Reed, age 35, of Charlottesville was transported to UVA Medical Center along with a 9 year old child. Both suffered internal injuries and remain in serious condition.

Helen J. Ward, age 47, of Shipman VA, was operating the Ford SUV. Ward was also transported to UVA Medical Center with injuries.

Helen Ward has been charged with DUI and Driving while Revoked. Additional charges are pending further investigation.

The accident is being investigated by the ACPD Crash Team.

Lieutenant Shawn Schwertfeger  
Evening Patrol Division

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