



St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
Steven A. Hall, Sheriff
23150 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650



NEWS RELEASE

Pedestrian Fatally Struck in Charlotte Hall

LEONARDTOWN, MD (September 1, 2024) – At approximately 1:37 a.m. on September 1, 2024, patrol units from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian in the area of Three Notch Road and Carpenter Lane, Charlotte Hall, MD, with CPR in progress.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a 2014 Chevrolet Traverse, operated by Samuel Robert Simmons, 41, of Saint Inigoes, was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road when a vehicle in front of him swerved to avoid a pedestrian walking in the right lane. Simmons also attempted to swerve but was unable to avoid striking the pedestrian, identified as Lew William Chavis, 39, of Gaston, S.C. Chavis was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Initial findings suggest that speed was not a factor in the collision.

Due to the nature of the incident, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit has assumed the investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it and has not yet provided a statement is asked to contact Corporal Rachael Roszell at 301-475-4200, ext. 8108, or via email at Rachael.Roszell@stmaryscountymd.gov.

###

