



St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
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NEWS RELEASE

UPDATE: Driver Identified

LEONARDTOWN, MD (September 4, 2024) – The driver and sole occupant of the 2021 Nissan Armada involved in Sunday evening's fatal car crash has been identified as 64-year-old Melvin Leon Elem of Baltimore, MD.

Original News Release:

Single-Vehicle Collision Results in Fatality in Charlotte Hall

LEONARDTOWN, MD (September 2, 2024) – At approximately 7:01 p.m. on Sunday, September 1, 2024, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a reported single-car collision in the center median in the area of Route 5 and Oak Station Drive in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered a 2021 Nissan Armada with extensive damage, indicating that the vehicle had flipped over. The sole occupant, an adult male, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver's identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Due to the nature of the accident, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Reconstruction Unit has assumed the investigation. Preliminary findings suggest that speed and alcohol were contributing factors in the collision.

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 Dale Reppel at 301-475-4200, ext. 8059, or via email at Dale.Reppel@stmaryscountymd.gov.

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