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On October 7, 2023 at approximately 12:30 in the morning, officers of the Salisbury Police Department responded to the area of S. Salisbury Boulevard and Lloyd Street to investigate several reports of a single vehicle accident. Upon arrival officers observed a vehicle that had collided with a telephone pole on the east side of S. Salisbury Boulevard. Officers were able to speak with the driver, identified as a 17-year-old male, and a 17-year-old male passenger. Two other passengers, who were identified as a 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old male, were located outside of the vehicle and both were in need of immediate medical assistance. Salisbury EMS responded to the scene and transported both critically injured passengers to Tidal Health Peninsula Regional.

The Maryland State Police were contacted and responded to conduct an Advanced Crash Investigation.

The investigation by members of the Salisbury Police Department and the Maryland State Police revealed that a 17-year-old male was operating a motor vehicle and traveling southbound on S. Salisbury Boulevard (Rt. 13) at a speed exceeding the posted limit of 35 miles per hour. The driver failed to control the speed of the vehicle, crossed into the northbound lanes, and collided with a telephone pole. The vehicle was also occupied by three passengers. Two of the passengers were transported by Salisbury EMS to the hospital due to having critical injuries. One of the passengers, identified as 16-year-old Carter Figgs, was pronounced deceased by medical staff due to injuries allegedly sustained from the collision. The other passenger remains in critical, but stable, condition. The driver was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and was shortly thereafter placed under arrest. The driver was later transported back to the Salisbury Police Department and, after consultation with the Department of Juvenile Services, released to the custody of his guardian.

ARRESTED: Male Juvenile, 17 years-of-age

CHARGES:

Criminal Negligent Manslaughter by Vehicle, Homicide by Motor Vehicle,
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving under the Influence of Alcohol Per Se,
Driving While Impaired by Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Negligent Driving,
Exceeding Maximum Speed Limit, Failure to Drive Right of Center,
Failure to Control Speed to Avoid Collision

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Members of the Salisbury Police Department are continuing this investigation and anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact the Salisbury Police Department at (410) 548-3165 or information can be provided anonymously through Crime Solvers at (410) 548-1776.

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