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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### (Investigation - Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision)

On September 28, 2025, at approximately 4:05 in the morning, officers of the Salisbury Police Department responded to the area of the overhead bridge located on N. Salisbury Blvd. (Business Rt. 13) near Bridgeview St. to investigate a report of a motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival, officers observed a four-door sedan that had apparently collided with the side barrier to the bridge. The vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. Members of the Salisbury Fire Department were already on scene and ultimately extinguished the fire.

The initial investigation by members of the Salisbury Police Department revealed that 18-year-old Jamal Purnell was operating a 2019 Nissan Sentra traveling northbound on N. Salisbury Blvd. and allegedly collided with the bridge's side barrier. Mr. Purnell was pronounced deceased at the scene by members of Salisbury EMS due to injuries apparently sustained from the collision and subsequent fire. A 17-year-old male was also determined to have been a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the crash. Salisbury EMS transported the passenger to the hospital wherein he was said to be in stable condition.

An Advanced Crash Investigation is currently being conducted by members of the Maryland State Police. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident, or possesses information regarding this incident, is requested to contact the Salisbury Police Department at (410) 548-3165 or the Maryland State Police Salisbury Barrack at (410) 749-3101.



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