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**Fatal Crash Involving Bicyclist**

Hanover, Va. – On Monday, May 13, 2019, at approximately 8:33 p.m., the Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle versus bicycle crash in the 11100 block of Washington Highway.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 2017 Ford Explorer was traveling north on Washington Highway when its passenger side mirror struck a bicyclist traveling south in the northbound lane.

The adult male bicyclist, Ralph J. Derogatis, 62, was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Investigators are still collecting information to determine the circumstances that led to this tragic incident.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Ralph Derogatis during this difficult time.

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