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For Immediate Release:

Pedestrian Struck by Drunk Driver

On June 7, 2009, at about 2:25 A.M., a 2008 Nissan Altima, driven by an 18 year old male, later identified as Russell Charles Mass, Jr. of Essex Maryland was traveling south bound on Coastal Highway at 60th Street when he struck a 44 year old male pedestrian who was attempting to cross Coastal Highway from West to East. The pedestrian was not in a crosswalk and alcohol may be a factor, the investigation is continuing.

The pedestrian who's name is not been released (pending notification of family members), suffered severe head injuries and was transported to Peninsula Regional Medical Center. The driver of the Altima (Mass) was brought in for mandatory breath test. The results of the breath test were over the legal limit for alcohol intoxication.

Ocean City Police have charged Mass with Driving Under the Influence and Driving While Intoxicated.

He is currently being held by the OCPD and is awaiting an initial appearance by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner.

Ocean City Police remind residents to not drink and drive. If you're going to consume alcoholic beverages, use a designated sober driver. Other transportation options include the use of taxis and buses to get you where you're going.

Pedestrians are reminded to use designated cross walks and to obey all pedestrian traffic control devices. During the hours of darkness, pedestrians should where light colored clothing and allow for extra time when crossing busy roadways. Parents should always make certain that they hold their child's hand when crossing roadways.

Please walk smart and obey all pedestrian and vehicle traffic control devices.

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