



**Police Department News Release**  
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**Date:** 2/25/2020

- **Type of Crash:** Multiple Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 2/20/2020 **Time of Crash:** 9:48 am
- **Location of Crash:** Peters Creek Rd. at Dwight St.
- **Investigating Officer:** Sgt. W.S. Hoopes
- **Victim Name(s):** Graham Powell
- **Victim Age:** 18
- **Victim Residence Location:** Roanoke
- **Suspect Name(s):** Margaret Thomas
- **Suspect Age:** 90
- **Suspect Residence Location:** Roanoke
- **Charges if Applicable:** None
- The road was not blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts information listed in narrative.
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Thursday February 20, 2020, a Buick sedan driven by Margaret Thomas was traveling southbound on Dwight St. in Roanoke County. A GMC Sierra pickup truck driven by Graham Powell was traveling westbound on Peters Creek Rd. The Buick failed to yield the right of way before entering the intersection and was struck by the GMC. Both drivers were transported to the hospital where Ms. Thomas later died from injuries sustained in the crash. Both drivers were wearing seat belts, and neither drugs nor alcohol were involved in the crash. No charges are pending, and the investigation is ongoing.