



Police Department News Release
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Date: 5/2/22

- **Type of Crash:** Single Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 4/29/22 **Time of Crash:** 6:36am
- **Location of Crash:** 4500 Challenger Ave
- **Investigating Officer:** POIII K. Cahoon
- **Victim Name(s):** Michael Ralph Horton
- **Victim Age:** 58
- **Victim Residence Location:** Roanoke
- **Suspect Name(s):**
- **Suspect Age:**
- **Suspect Residence Location:**
- **Charges if Applicable:** N/A
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts were not worn by the victim(s).
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Friday April 29, 2022, a 2011 Nissan Altima driven by Michael Horton was traveling westbound while exiting the parking lot of the Wal Mart on Challenger Ave. The vehicle continued across the entrance road and struck the guardrail. Mr. Horton was not wearing a seatbelt, and was pronounced dead after being transported to the hospital. Drugs and alcohol were not a factor in the crash. The investigation is ongoing and no charges are pending. The entrance road to Wal Mart was blocked for a short time.

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