



Police Department News Release

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Date: 8/17/23

- **Type of Crash:** Two Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 8/17/23 **Time of Crash:** 2:47pm
- **Location of Crash:** W. Main St. at Dow Hollow Rd
- **Investigating Officer:** POIII K. Cahoon
- **Victim Name(s):** David Joel Wells
- **Victim Age:** 61
- **Victim Residence Location:** Lafayette, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):**
- **Suspect Age:**
- **Suspect Residence Location:**
- **Charges if Applicable:** N/A
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs may have been a factor, see narrative.
- Seatbelts information listed in narrative.
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Thursday August 17, 2023, a 2010 Harley Davidson motorcycle operated, by David Wells, was traveling westbound on W. Main St. approaching Dow Hollow Rd. in Roanoke County. A 2024 Freightliner was making a left turn from Dow Hollow onto W. Main St. when the motorcycle struck the rear of the tractor trailer. Speed as well as drugs and alcohol may have been a factor in the crash. The truck driver was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured. Mr. Wells was pronounced dead at the scene. There are no charges pending at this time and the investigation is ongoing. The road was closed to traffic but has been reopened.

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