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Assault Call Leads to Fatal Crash Investigation

Around 2:10 a.m. Sunday, The Wheeling Police Department was dispatched to Generations on National Road for a disturbance call. When officers arrived, a truck fled the lot with no lights on and officers were told that the driver was the suspect of multiple assaults.

The driver of the truck appeared as if they were going to crash into police cruisers but did not. However, a collision occurred between two cruisers and two officers received minor injuries. They were treated and released from Wheeling Hospital.

Officers lost sight of the truck and while searching the area for it, were notified of a crash on Pike Street, near Main Street. When officers arrived, the truck had crashed into a garage and the occupant inside the vehicle dead.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office are investigating the crashes of the WPD cruiser collision and the fatal crash, with the assistance of the WPD Crash Reconstruction Team.

Three people were treated at Wheeling Hospital for injuries received from the initial assault call at Generations. This case is under investigation of the Wheeling PD.

Notification of the next of kin related to the fatal crash is being handled by the OCSO.

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