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Fatal Crash Investigation

Hanover, Va. – On Sunday, September 5, 2021, at approximately 11:44 a.m., deputies responded to a two vehicle crash involving a motorcycle near the intersection of Old Church Road and Piping Tree Ferry Road.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox was traveling northbound on Old Church Road when it crossed the double solid line and collided with a 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle, with two riders, that were traveling southbound.

The driver of the 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle, Alex F. Ploechinger, 59, Aylett, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The second rider on the motorcycle was transported to VCU Medical Center with serious injuries. The driver of the 2020 Chevrolet Equinox, Edgar R. Gonzalez, 64, Mechanicsville, was uninjured and taken into custody and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

A booking photo of Mr. Gonzalez is attached.

Investigators are still collecting information at this time.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Alex F. Ploechinger and the other injured party during this difficult time.

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