



News Release

June 5, 2009

Fatality Accident – Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announced today a fatality accident occurred on E. Black Oak Road (WC 57) near Mountain Springs Road (WC 5007) in southeast Washington County.

On June 5, 2009 at 10:29 a.m. Washington County deputies responded to a one-vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on E. Black Oak Road. The accident resulted in the death of the pedestrian, Hancil **HARTBARGER, II**, W/M, 60, of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Preliminary investigation indicates Mr. **HARTBARGER**, working for the Washington County Road Department, was responsible for directing traffic on E. Black Oak Road when a 2007, blue, 2-door Hyundai Accent, driven by Rusty **WARFORD**, W/M, 51, was traveling eastbound and struck Mr. **HARTBARGER**. Safety devices indicating "Road Work Ahead" were in place. Mr. **WARFORD** and witness statements indicate the sun glare was a possible factor.

Mr. **HARTBARGER** was taken by ambulance to Washington Regional Medical Center where he later died from injuries sustained from the accident.

Accident reconstruction specialists from Fayetteville Police Department are assisting in the investigation. Mr. **HARTBARGER** was employed with the Washington County Road Department for nearly 22 years.

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