

## Auburndale Police Investigating Fatal Traffic Crash

On June 14, 2020, at approximately 9:29 p.m., the Auburndale Police Department responded to a serious traffic crash at the intersection of Havendale Blvd. and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Auburndale. Officers arrived to find a 2009 Jeep Liberty SUV and a 2002 Ford Mustang had been involved in a crash and had sustained significant damage. The initial investigation has determined that the Mustang was traveling southbound on Charlotte Road and turned left onto eastbound Havendale Blvd., into the path of the Jeep, which was northbound on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Auburndale Fire Department and Polk County Fire Rescue ambulances arrived on scene and treated injured parties. The front seat passenger in the Mustang, an adult man, was pronounced deceased at the scene. At this time, his identity is not being released as his next of kin has not yet been notified. A 10 year-old passenger in the Mustang was injured and she was flown to Tampa General Hospital for treatment. The driver of the Mustang was transported to Lakeland Regional Health for treatment.

The driver of the Jeep Liberty, Andrea Deniece Cheesebourough, 03/29/1981, of Winter Haven, was arrested on charges of DUI manslaughter and DUI with serious bodily injury. Her blood alcohol content was .204. In addition to Cheesebourough, her Jeep was occupied by another adult woman and a female toddler. None of the three occupants of the Jeep were injured.

Auburndale Police Department Traffic Homicide investigators are continuing to investigate this incident. Anyone who witnessed the crash or who has information related to the crash is asked to contact Officer Tristen Lahr at (863)965-5555.

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