



## Police Department News Release

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**Date:** 9/10/19

- **Type of Crash:** Multiple Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 9/10/19 **Time of Crash:** 2:27 pm
- **Location of Crash:** Brambleton Ave. at Garst Mill Rd.
- **Investigating Officer:** POIII M. Banks
- **Victim Name(s):** Thomas Orr II
- **Victim Age:** 48
- **Victim Residence Location:** Roanoke, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):**
- **Suspect Age:**
- **Suspect Residence Location:**
- **Charges if Applicable:**
  - The road was blocked to traffic
  - Alcohol and/or drugs may have been a factor, see narrative.
  - Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
  - Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Tuesday September 10, 2019, a Volvo sedan was traveling southbound on Brambleton Ave. in Roanoke County when it rear ended a Toyota driven by Mr. Orr. Mr. Orr's vehicle then left the right side of the roadway where it struck a utility pole. Mr. Orr was pronounced dead at the scene. The sedan continued southbound on Brambleton Ave. where it struck a Cadillac and pushed the Cadillac into a pickup truck. The driver of the Cadillac was transported to the hospital and has been released. The driver of the pickup truck was not injured. The driver of the Volvo was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All parties were wearing their

seat belts. Speed along with drugs and alcohol, may have been a factor in the crash. Brambleton Ave. was closed for a period of time while members of the Blue Ridge Regional Crash Team worked to reconstruct the incident, but all lanes of Brambleton Ave are back open at this time. Charges in this case are pending, and the investigation ongoing.

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