



**Police Department News Release**  
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**Date:** 11/22/2022

- **Type of Crash:** Two Vehicle Crash
- **Date of Crash:** 11/22/22 **Time of Crash:** 3:40pm
- **Location of Crash:** 5000 W. Main St
- **Investigating Officer:** Sgt. W.S. Hoopes
- **Victim Name(s):** James Thompson
- **Victim Age:** 72
- **Victim Residence Location:** Elliston, VA
- **Suspect Name(s):**
- **Suspect Age:**
- **Suspect Residence Location:**
- **Charges if Applicable:** None
- The road was blocked to traffic
- Alcohol and/or drugs were not a factor.
- Seatbelts were worn by the victim(s).
- Weather was not a factor in the crash.
- **Additional Remarks:** On Tuesday November 22, 2022 at 3:40pm, a 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by James Thompson was traveling westbound in the 5000 block of W. Main St in Roanoke County. As the motorcycle approached slower traffic, it rear ended a Pro-Line dump trailer that was being pulled by a 1999 Ford F-250 pickup truck. Mr. Thompson was wearing a helmet but was pronounced dead at the scene. The occupants of the truck were wearing their seat belts and were not injured. Drugs and alcohol were not a factor in the crash. The investigation is ongoing, and no charges are pending. The roadway was closed for a period of time, but is now back open to traffic.