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## **NEWS / MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Fatality Crash**

**Elkview, WV-** Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Church Road and N. Pinch Road in Elkview around 11:15 a.m. after a pickup truck crashed into a guardrail on Church Road.

Investigators determined the pickup truck was traveling on Church Road toward the N. Pinch Road intersection when it breached the guardrail causing it to overturn and roll down the hill to N. Pinch Road.

During the crash, a 10-year-old juvenile female was partially ejected from the truck and died from injuries sustained in the crash. A 13-year-old juvenile male was transported to CAMC General with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The driver received only minor injuries and remained at the scene to cooperate with investigators.

Deputies believe speed and faulty equipment may have played a role in the crash, along with the guardrail not supporting the vehicle upon impact. The West Virginia Department of Highways responded to the scene to analyze the guardrail and roadway conditions, and deputies will spend the coming days working to determine all the factors contributing to the crash.

Deputies are requesting that anyone who resides on Church Road with video surveillance that may have captured the crash or if there were any witnesses to the crash, please contact Sergeant J.L. Lester at 304-357-0732.



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