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ELBERTON WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH

On January 27th at approximately 6:40 p.m, a 1997 Honda Accord driven by Sharde Tarnisha Smith (Elberton, GA) was traveling west on Hull Rd/GA 72. Her vehicle left the westbound travel lanes where it crossed over the median and both eastbound lanes of traffic. The vehicle vaulted up an embankment and struck a tree where it came to rest in front of 1128 Hull Road. Ms. Smith was the sole occupant of the vehicle and was unrestrained. Ms. Smith was transported to Piedmont Athens Regional where she was pronounced dead. According to the coroner, no autopsy will be done. Blood was drawn for analysis by the GBI forensics lab. At this time, we are not certain of how/why Ms. Smith lost control of her vehicle.

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