



# ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Athens Man Killed in Single Vehicle Accident

On March 7, at approximately 2:00 p.m. a 1998 green Toyota Tacoma, driven by Ralph Odister, 64-year-old male out of Athens, was traveling eastbound on Lexington Road near Morton Road. The first officers arriving on scene found the vehicle with its front end pushed up against a pine tree with severe damage. The investigation into the accident found that the vehicle traveled along the shoulder and crossed over into a ditch before striking a large pine tree head-on. Mr. Odister was transported by EMS to a local hospital. However, he died while en route. The investigation into the cause of the accident is ongoing.

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