



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Officer Involved Accident with Pedestrian on Baxter Street

On September 21, 2018 at approximately 1:10 am., an officer in a marked patrol vehicle was traveling east on Baxter Street towards Lumpkin Street. As the officer neared Baxter Street and Cloverhurst Avenue, a male and a female were exiting an Uber in the middle left hand turn lane. The male and female were crossing into the east bound lane of traffic, in the path of the officer's vehicle.

The male and female were headed towards a residence hall off Baxter Street and neither of them were in a crosswalk. The officer slammed on his brakes as the female jumped back into the turn lane, toward the Uber vehicle. The male crossed in front of the patrol car and struck the bottom passenger side corner of the patrol vehicle's front windshield, causing it to crack.

The Uber driver left the scene before the officer could make contact with the driver. The male's hand was the only portion of his body that struck the vehicle. EMS responded and the male refused treatment as there was no visible injury to his hand. The University of Georgia Police Department responded and worked the accident.

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