

Marine from New York Dies in Fatal Madison Car Accident Wednesday

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Shortly before 11 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, a fatal accident took the life of a U.S. Marine who was training in Huntsville. The 25-year-old man from New York was training in Huntsville in expectation of being stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The two-vehicle car accident took place at the intersection of U.S. Highway 72 and Wall Triana Highway. According to police reports, the pickup truck the Marine was driving struck another car, then plowed into a utility pole, killing him. The exact cause of the fatal accident has not been reported, but it appears the driver of the other vehicle had been drinking.

The other driver, also a 25-year-old male, has been arrested and charged with DUI, according to WAAY-TV news. The drunk driver was a Huntsville native. No information was reported about whether the man was also injured in the [drunk-driving accident](#).

Traffic Delayed for Hours After Tragic Car Accident

The utility pole involved in the accident houses the main controls for the traffic signals at that intersection, and the [car accident](#) caused the traffic lights to go out.

Drivers experienced heavy traffic delays and were urged by Madison Police to use Interstate 565 as an alternate route. Those who did travel by U.S. 72 found the intersection in disarray without the traffic signals.

Utility crews initially reported that it could take several days for the system to be restored, but their efforts to restore power were successful sooner than was expected. Madison officials say the signals went back into operation at about 2 p.m. Thursday.

Sources:

- "[Traffic light back in operation in Madison after being knocked out by fatal wreck](#)" (The Huntsville Times, September 30, 2010)
- "Lights Functioning on Wall Triana & 72" (WAAY-TV Huntsville, September 30, 2010)