



# **Fayette County Sheriff's Office**

Wayne Hannah, Sheriff

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## **Press Information**

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### **Fatal Traffic Crash Information**

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Traffic Enforcement Section, is investigating a single vehicle traffic crash which resulted in the death of one person. The crash occurred at approximately 8:44 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2010 on Kenwood Road at its intersection with Longview Road, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Mr. Ricky A. Johnson, 49 years of age, of Fayetteville, was operating a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup Truck eastbound on Kenwood Road. He was accompanied by Mr. Cona Evans, 60 years of age, also of Fayetteville.

As the Chevrolet S-10 was traveling east of Kenwood Road and for reasons as yet not known, the vehicle drove off of the roadway and into a ditch. The Chevrolet crossed Longview Road and struck a telephone pole.

Georgia's new seatbelt laws that went into affect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 requires all front seat passengers in pickup trucks to wear a seatbelt; Neither Mr. Johnson or Mr. Evans were wearing one.

Mr. Evans, the Chevrolet's passenger, sustained severe injuries in the crash and died at the scene. Mr. Johnson, who also sustained severe injuries, was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital where he remains a patient.

This collision remains under investigation by the Traffic Enforcement Section and charges are pending the completion of the investigation.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> fatal motor vehicle collision to have occurred in un-incorporated Fayette County in 2010.