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MEDIA RELEASE

FATAL CRASH IN NORTH BRADLEY COUNTY

CLEVELAND, TN. (SEPTEMBER 6, 2023) — On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at approximately at 8:52 a.m., personnel with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office, Bradley County EMS, and Bradley County Fire & Rescue responded to the 400 block of Upper River Road in reference to a single vehicle crash.

Upon arrival, first responders located the driver inside of the crashed vehicle. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no other occupants.

A preliminary investigation revealed the driver of a 1999 Red Camaro lost control while negotiating a curve, then struck a tree. The driver, Harold R. Melton, 45, of Calhoun, TN, died as a result of this crash.

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit is leading the investigation while the Tennessee Highway Patrol is providing assistance.

No further information is available at this time.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
