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# News Release

Incident: Motor Vehicle Crash  
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On Thursday, February 4, 2009, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department responded to a motor vehicle collision which occurred at approximately 5:31 pm on Ocean Heights Avenue at the driveway to the Passion Vines Store., in the Scullville section of the township.

A 2003 Ford Crown Victoria operated by Benno Branderbit, 80 years old from Egg Harbor Township, was proceeding east on Ocean Heights Avenue when struck by 2001 Chevy Tahoe driven by Robert Schafer, 47 years old from Egg Harbor Township.

Schafer's vehicle was exiting the parking lot of the business when it failed to yield to traffic on Ocean Heights Ave. Schafer's vehicle struck Branderbit's vehicle and the vehicles came to rest in the east bound lane of Ocean Heights Avenue.

Branderbit's passenger, Phyllis Branderbit 77 years of age from Egg Harbor Township, was entrapped in the vehicle and had to be removed with the Jaws of Life by the Scullville Fire Company. She sustained head injuries, was treated at scene by the Egg Harbor Township Ambulance Squad and Atlanticare Paramedics. Branderbit was airlifted to Atlanticare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City by the Southstar Medivac helicopter.

The crash was investigated by MPOII Steven Swankoski of the Egg Harbor Township Police Traffic Safety Unit. Schafer was charged with failure to stop or yield at a stop sign. Traffic was detoured for approximately an hour while the roadway was being cleared

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