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CCSO makes arrest, investigates fatal collision along Main Road on Johns Island Sunday

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are investigating a single-vehicle collision that occurred around 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2026, resulting in a single fatality.

Deputies responded to the area of Mian Road and Beeblossom Court on Johns Island for reports of a collision. Initial investigations indicate that as the vehicle was traveling east on Main Road, the vehicle entered the opposite lane of travel, overcorrected, left the roadway to the right, and struck a tree. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office Traffic Services Unit responded to the scene in addition to the agency's Forensic Services Unit.

There were five total occupants in the vehicle at the time of the crash. One passenger was declared deceased on scene by EMS. Three passengers were transported to MUSC with injuries.

The driver, Alvaro Bautista Hernandez, 36, of Johns Island, initially fled from the scene but was apprehended shortly thereafter. He is being charged with Felony Driving Under the Influence Resulting in Death, two counts of Felony Driving Under the Influence and Causing Great Bodily Injury, two counts of Hit and Run with Minor Personal Injury, two counts of Hit and Run with Great Bodily Injury, and Driving without a License. He is currently booked at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center.

The Charleston County Coroner's Office also responded and will provide the victim's identity when appropriate.

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