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## CCSO Traffic Unit arrests driver in fatal DUI crash in Ravenel

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are investigating a two-vehicle collision that occurred just before 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, that resulted in a single fatality.

Deputies responded to the 5400 block of Savannah Highway in Ravenel for reports of a collision. Initial investigations indicate that a pickup truck pulled in front of an SUV while attempting to cross the southbound lanes of travel, resulting in the SUV hitting the pickup truck. There were four occupants in the SUV, all of whom were transported to nearby hospitals. One of the passengers of the SUV was pronounced dead at the hospital. The driver of the pickup truck was not injured.

The driver, identified as Ricardo Hernandez-Martinez, 44, was arrested by deputies on scene and charged with Felony DUI Resulting in Great Bodily Injury or Death.

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

CCSO's Traffic Services Unit is investigating the crash. If anyone has any information that would assist in the investigation, they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 843-202-1700.

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