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Bloomington Police Investigate Fatal Crash - UPDATE

On August 6th at approximately 7:08 p.m., officers with the Bloomington Police Department responded to the intersection of W State Road 46 and the on-ramp for southbound I-69 in reference to a vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, a teal 1999 Chevrolet S-10 pickup was located on top of the guardrail on the southeast corner of the intersection. The S-10 had significant damage and the two occupants were trapped inside the truck. The other vehicle involved was a white 1998 Toyota 4Runner sport utility vehicle.

Bloomington Fire Department personnel extricated the occupants of the S-10. They were later identified as a 33 year-old Bloomington man and a five year-old male. Both occupants of the truck were transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital by ambulance. Once at the hospital, the man was rushed to emergency surgery, but later died from injuries sustained in the crash. The five year-old child was flown by LifeLine helicopter to an Indianapolis hospital and is currently in critical condition.

The eastbound lanes of State Road 46 were closed until approximately 9:15 p.m. as Crash Reconstructionists from BPD investigated the scene. It was determined that the S-10 had a green left-turn arrow and was attempting to turn from westbound State Road 46 to go southbound on I-69. The 4Runner had been eastbound on State Road 46 and failed to stop

at the red traffic signal for eastbound traffic, where it collided with the passenger side of the turning S-10.

The driver of the 4Runner, identified as Charity D. Hall (46, Bloomington), was released from IU Health Bloomington Hospital on the afternoon of August 9th. Upon being released from the hospital, Hall was taken into custody by BPD officers and transported to the Monroe County Jail, where she was remanded for the following charges:

- Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Death, level 4 felony
- Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated Causing Catastrophic Injury, level 4 felony
- Reckless Homicide, level 5 felony
- Battery Against a Public Safety Official, level 6 felony
- Resisting Law Enforcement, class A misdemeanor

The investigation remains ongoing and no further information is available for release at this time.

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