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SUBJECT: Serious Two-Vehicle Collision in Pickering

A serious two-vehicle collision on Friday evening in Pickering sent a Port Perry driver to a Toronto trauma hospital and closed roadways for several hours.

On Friday May 11, 2012 just after 6 p.m., West Division officers responded to a serious two -vehicle collision involving a car and a pickup truck on Brock Road, just north of Whitevale Road in Pickering. A grey 4-door Chevrolet Optra, operated by a 20-year-old female driver from Port Perry was northbound on Brock Road and a white Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck, operated by a 48-year-old male driver from Whitby was travelling southbound on Brock Road prior to the collision occurring.

Witnesses reported seeing the Optra travelling northbound lose control just north of Whitevale Road and enter into the southbound lanes. The Optra was struck on its passenger side by the Chevrolet pickup truck and rolled into the ditch on the west side of Brock Road. The driver was trapped and had to be extricated from the vehicle. The Chevrolet pickup truck also rolled over, landing on its side, on the west shoulder of Brock Road.

The driver of the Optra sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision and was air lifted to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. The driver of the Chevrolet pickup truck was not injured.

Brock Road was closed for several hours while members of the Traffic Services Branch, Collision Investigation Unit attended the scene to conduct an investigation. Weather and road conditions are not believed to be contributing factors in this collision.

The driver of the Optra was later released from St Michael's hospital with minor injuries. Charges are now pending for this driver.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call D/Cst Tracy Gibbins of the Traffic Services Branch at [1-888-579-1520](tel:1-888-579-1520) ext. 5227. Anonymous information can be sent to Crime Stoppers at [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477) (TIPS) and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.