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### **Walker County Woman Charged in Shallowford Road Death Investigation Came Forward on the Date of the Incident**

Rock Spring, GA - A Walker County driver charged by Chattanooga police as a suspect in a fatal pedestrian-in-road fatality had contacted the Chattanooga Police Department on Saturday, the same date of the incident, said her attorney McCracken Poston. "I reached out to my contact in the Chattanooga police department's administration, and just hours later I was speaking, on her behalf, directly to the investigator in this case, and on the same date of the incident," the Ringgold attorney stated.

Poston's client, Sarah Annette Barrett, 49, of the Rock Spring community, also submitted her car to be picked up by the police for investigation on Monday, within minutes of the police request for the car.

"Sarah is devastated to learn that what she thought was a deer that she apparently struck within her lane on a very remote and unlit part of Shallowford Road might have been a human being," her attorney added, "She contacted me after being informed by her husband of news reports that a dead body had been found in the same vicinity of the impact that she thought was a deer. Her heart goes out to the family of the man found dead near the apparent scene of impact."

"Many questions remain about the man and why he stepped or leapt into her path on the darkened roadway, near the Vulcan facility before sunrise," said Poston.

Poston explained that the time involved in the identification of the deceased - who had no identification information on him - and subsequently the location of his next-of-kin had stymied investigators in the case.

Poston also added that his client turned herself in to the Hamilton County Jail on Wednesday evening, less than two hours of her being informed that warrants had been issued for Failure to Report an Accident, Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in a Death, and Failure to Render Aid. "She got there so soon there were delays in finding the warrant," Poston said. She was released on Thursday morning on bond.

"Each and every citizen deserves to be considered innocent until each element of any charged offense is proven beyond a reasonable doubt," Poston added, "but right now my client is completely distraught over this, and thinking of the family of the man who lost his life."

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