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## **Arrest Made In Fatal Hit & Run**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.-** On May 5th, 2021, Bruno Former, a 53-year-old male from Whitakers, NC, was charged with Felony Hit and Run, which killed 27-year-old Matthew Pender on April 11<sup>th</sup>, on U.S 301 in Rocky Mount. A thorough investigation led officers to Former's residence, where officers located the suspect vehicle, a Smart Fortwo, in the rear of the residence. Former received a \$25,000 unsecured bond from Nash County Judicial Officials.

**About Rocky Mount:** The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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