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“Road opened following morning Collision”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, January 30, 2012 ---- Hahn Road between Route 27 and Woodward Road was reopened to through traffic just after 3p.m. this afternoon. Sheriff's Deputies have charged 63 year old Thomas E. Taylor of Biglerville, Pennsylvania with several traffic violations including Negligent Driving and Failing to stop at a Railroad Crossing. Taylor was also charged by Troopers from the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division with failing to keep his driver log book current, having no records of his vehicle operations for the past seven (7) days.

Just before 11a.m. this morning, Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 911 calls reporting a collision between a tractor-trailer and a train at the Hahn Road railroad crossing north of the intersection with Route 27. Witnesses reported the tractor-trailer, a 2003 Mack Tractor pulling a 53 foot trailer was traveling east along Hahn Road when it crossed the tracks into the path of an oncoming locomotive that was traveling north. The locomotive struck the rear of the trailer, crushing the backside of the nearly empty container and pushing it from the tracks before stopping approximately 300 feet down track. No one was injured during the collision.

Members of the Maryland State Police, Maryland State Highway Administration and Carroll County Public Works Department worked to redirect traffic during the investigation and clean-up. Investigation revealed the flashing railroad crossing signals were operating at the time of the collision, and that the train's engineer had sounded the train's whistle prior to the crossing. Alcohol is not considered a factor in the cause of this collision. Taylor was released on citations pending trial. Anyone with information about this incident, or that may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Deputy 1st Class Brandon Holland of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 410-386-2900, or bholland@ccg.carr.org.

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