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Fatal train, vehicle collision on Highway 165

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies are investigating a fatal collision Wednesday night between a passenger train and a vehicle in the Ravenel area.

Deputies responded to the crash about 8:20 p.m. at the railroad crossing on Highway 165 near Martin Street. They found the driver of a Buick SUV who had been ejected. EMS pronounced the person dead at the scene. No one else was in the vehicle. No one on the Amtrak train was injured.

Investigators from CCSO's Traffic Services Unit determined that the SUV had entered the railroad crossing while the crossing arms were activated and was struck by the southbound train on the driver's side.

The train stopped on the tracks for an extended period of time as authorities responded, but no serious damage was reported to the train. The road was reopened after midnight.

The Charleston County Coroner's Office will provide identity information on the driver when appropriate.

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