

In Route 7 crash Thursday

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Abingdon man flown to shock trauma

A late morning accident on Route 7 in Joppa Thursday sent a 77-year-old Abingdon man to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore after he fainted behind the wheel of his car, crossed the

center line and struck the front driver's side of another vehicle.

William Adam Voelker, 77, of the 3100 block of Birch Brook Lane in Abingdon was flown to shock trauma Thursday after he fainted behind the wheel of his 2001 Buick LaSabre on Philadelphia Road [Route 7], crossing the center line and striking a 1997 Volkswagen Passat driven by 77-year-old Helen Ralf Jaacks, of the 1700 block of Philadelphia Road in Joppa. Police said Voelker's Buick caught fire after striking the Volkswagen.

Voelker was treated for his injuries and released Friday. Jaacks was taken to the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air. Her condition was unknown Tuesday evening.

The Maryland State Police Medevac helicopter was called to Bel Air about 3:45 p.m. Saturday after a man shot himself in the head while sitting in a motor vehicle in the 200 block of Crocker Drive Hickory Hills Apartment complex in Bel Air. Flown to shock trauma, the man later died from the self-inflicted wound.

