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Update: Woman Struck by City of Tallahassee Garbage Truck

Today at approximately 9:30AM, a City of Tallahassee garbage truck was removing debris from the side of the roadway in the 1800 block of Holton Street. As the garbage truck pulled away from the curb, it struck 59yoa Marva Chester. The investigation revealed at the time of impact the driver of the garbage truck, Woodrow Isom, just finished picking up a load of debris when he began to cross the street at idle speed. Prior to crossing he reported he checked both mirrors and in front of his vehicle to check for hazards. Isom saw nothing, so he let off the brake and began to change lanes at idle speed, giving it no acceleration. Unknown to Isom, Chester was walking in the roadway on the double-yellow center lane marker. According to witnesses, at the time Isom began his lane change, Ms. Chester was directly at the front passenger side corner of the dump truck as she walked down the center of the road. The investigation has determined that it was not possible for Isom to have seen Chester due to her location walking down the center of the roadway and the height of the vehicle he was operating. Isom used all due care and no charges will be filed. Chester remains in the hospital in fair condition and is expected to survive her injuries.



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