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Buford teen dies in crash near dam

3 others hurt, including expectant mother from Gainesville

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CUMMING — A 14-year-old girl from Buford was killed and three others, including a pregnant woman from Gainesville, were injured in a car crash Thursday evening near the Buford Dam.

The single-vehicle wreck occurred at 6 p.m. Thursday on the roadway leading to Lower Pool Park off Buford Dam Road. The crash happened when the

driver of the 1996 Toyota Camry lost control of her vehicle, partially overturning onto the driver's side and coming back onto all four wheels before crashing, Forsyth County Sheriff's Cpl. Robin Regan said.

Morgan Tumlin, 14, of Buford, was ejected from the vehicle and temporarily pinned underneath the car, Regan said.

Two other passengers were able to exit the vehicle and push it off Tumlin, who was reportedly

unconscious. She was transported to Northside Hospital-Forsyth, where she died from her injuries.

A medical helicopter was initially called but canceled because a Gwinnett County medical unit arrived quickly enough, Regan said. Regan said Tumlin's mother and stepfather were notified at Northside.

Latoya Tabordon, a 22-year-old from Gainesville who is 36 weeks pregnant with twins, was transported to North Fulton Hospital

with serious injuries. She and the babies were evaluated there.

Regan said the twins and mother were last listed as stable but bruised and are expected to be OK. Tabordon was kept in the OBGYN observation wing at North Fulton overnight.

The third passenger, 18-year-old Elijah Mayfield of Buford, was taken to North Fulton Hospital with injuries described as non-life threatening. Regan said he has been released.

The driver, 19-year-old Kayla Savanna Welch of Buford, was transported to North Fulton Hospital with serious injuries. She has since been discharged, Regan said.

A crash investigation unit from the sheriff's office responded to the scene, which remains an active investigation. Charges will depend on the outcome of the investigation.

Buford Dam Road was partially blocked while emergency crews worked the scene.

Online Editor Jim Dean contributed to this story

Showing support amid tragedy



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Dana Markert writes "love notes" to family and friends of the victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting at the Martinellos' Braselton house Friday.

Braselton woman collects 'heartfelt notes' for Orlando

BY CLARK LEONARD
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A Braselton woman is collecting "love notes" to send to the families and friends of the victims of Sunday's fatal attack at a gay nightclub in Orlando.

Christine Martinello and her team of "love agents" are gathering the heartfelt notes by any means possible. Martinello's goal is to even handwrite the letters before mailing the notes Monday.

Martinello and the "love agents" met Friday afternoon to handwrite as many of the letters submitted electronically as possible.

People handwriting their own notes and getting them to Martinello is encouraged. To submit handwritten "love notes," residents may mail them to Original Love Box, P.O. Box 851, Braselton, GA 30517.

But Martinello is accepting online submissions to allow for more people to be involved. People can email them to info@christinemartinello.com or visit www.facebook.com/christmaslovebox/ or www.facebook.com/Christine-M-



Love notes are placed in a box Friday at the Martinellos' Braselton house.

Martinello-155394031297215/. "We just want as many people as possible to get love notes," Martinello said. "So we're going to do whatever it takes."

Martinello said shock is often followed by a desire to help after a tragedy such as the one that left 49 victims dead and injured 53 others.

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Ways to submit 'love notes'

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Lawmakers ponder tax break for music biz

Incentives for studios, musicians could be part of legislative proposal

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A legislative working group, perhaps hoping to spawn the next Allman Brothers Band, REM or Outkast, will review possible tax incentives for the Georgia music industry when it meets this summer and fall.

The Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee will examine ways to "measure, expand and promote" music and foster connections between recorded music and other arts, such as film, digital media and gaming.

The committee is charged with finding ways to support and promote music tourism, post-secondary education in music and new studio spaces for artists to record their work.

Incentives for small music studios and musicians could be part of a package for lawmakers to consider when they reconvene next year.

A similar committee was formed a few years ago, with officials traveling the state to hear from recording artists, such as the Zac Brown Band, and music instructors.

Rep. Lee Hawkins, R-Gainesville, served on the committee then and will do so again this year.

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Ex-fire battalion chief denies stalking, harassment charges

BY NICK WATSON
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A former Hall County Fire Services battalion chief denied any sort of intimidation or threats of county employees, his attorney said Friday.

David McGehee, 52, was charged June 9 with harassing by phone and stalking three Hall County employees.

Hall County human resources director Bill Moats, public information officer Katie Crumley and county administrator Randy Knighton were named in the warrants.

McGehee's attorney Jeff Talley said Friday that McGehee was a "dedicated employee" who was dealing with issues with the county related to his

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