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City woman killed in collision with police cruiser

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A 25-year-old woman was fatally injured early yesterday in Northeast Baltimore when a police officer on an emergency call ran a red light and collided with her vehicle, city police said.

The crash, just after 2 a.m. at Northern Parkway and Leith Walk, remains under investigation, said Officer Troy Harris, a police spokesman.

Mary Jones of the 3200 block of Lawnview Ave. was driving north on Leith Walk when her 1990 Cadillac was struck broadside by the police cruiser, Harris said. She was pronounced dead at Sinai Hospital at 2:58 a.m.

The officer, identified as Antonio Reyes, 31, of the Northeastern District, was responding to a stabbing and had his car's emergency lights on when he went through a red light, Harris said.

Police are investigating whether Reyes also had activated the siren or applied his brakes, Harris added.

Though many incidents require a prompt response, officers are supposed to take every possible precaution on the way to a crime scene, Harris said.

"We're very regretful that this great tragedy occurred," Harris said.

Reyes, who has been with the city police since July 2004, was taken to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center with a broken nose, cuts to his head and face and a fractured kneecap, police said.

Harris said information on the stabbing was not available, but that it was not fatal.

Jones was a mother of two young children, a boy and a girl, said next-door neighbor Alison Jones.

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