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### **Three Die In Crash With Ambulance**

**DATELINE:** KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

A car pulled into the path of an ambulance rushing to an emergency call Monday, causing a three-vehicle crash that killed three people and severely injured a fourth, authorities said.

A **Rural/Metro** ambulance traveling westbound on Kingston Pike at about 11 a.m. struck an eastbound Honda that had pulled out from Martinwood Road, an unsigned sidestreet.

An eastbound Chevrolet Blazer then ran into them, police Lt. Jeff Stiles said.

The ambulance's sirens were on and its emergency lights flashing, witnesses said.

Stiles said the Honda's driver, Shanda Turpin, 27, of Knoxville, and her daughter, Marissa Turpin, 6, were killed.

Also killed was Anita Hargis, 68, a passenger in the Knox County-registered Blazer driven by her husband, Richard Hargis, 68, who was in critical condition at University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Two paramedics in the ambulance were taken to UT Medical Center with less severe injuries, Stiles said.

"Everything is still under investigation," he said.