


# Denver Man, 22, Killed in Early Morning Lincoln County Crash

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LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C. – A 22-year-old Denver man was killed early Sunday morning (Oct. 25) in a two-vehicle collision on Campground Road near Forney Hill Road.

According to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred around 1:59 a.m. when a 2008 Toyota RAV4 traveling west on Campground Road crossed the centerline and sideswiped a 2018 Hyundai Tucson.

The RAV4 then ran off the left side of the road and struck a power pole.

The driver of the RAV4, William Rakestraw Beardslee IV, 22, of Denver, died at the scene.

The driver of the Hyundai, Soumalia Ouedraogo, 44, also of Denver, was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Troopers said impairment is suspected as a contributing factor in the collision. No

charges will be filed.