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Two Pedestrian Fatalities and Arrest

GASTONIA, N.C. – Feb. 2, 2020 – Two pedestrians were struck by a vehicle in the 400 block of East Long Avenue around 2:13 a.m. today, and have died. It appears a vehicle traveling west ran up on the sidewalk and struck Charles Henry Love, 61, and Keytiada Cooke, 31, both of Gastonia. Mr. Love died on the scene and Ms. Cooke died at the hospital.

Police have charged Katelyn Abernathy, 24 of 107 W. Ruby Avenue, Gastonia, with two counts of death by motor vehicle, felony hit/run serious injury/death, failure to maintain lane control, DWI and registration plate/card expired. The investigation is continuing.

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