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A former U.S. Marine from Centerville was killed last night as the result of a car crash on Highway 32.

The collision involved a Ford SUV and a Mini Cooper, and occurred at the intersection of 32 and County Line Road.

At about 10:15 p.m., the SUV ran a red light and broadsided the Mini Cooper, according to Centerville Police Officer Pete Wodotinski.

Garrett Johnson, 28, Centerville, was the lone occupant of the Mini Cooper, according to police. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Centerville Hospital.

Johnson was a former U.S. Marine who had recently completed his final tour of duty in Afghanistan, and had a wife and a 2-year-old daughter, said Centerville Police Sgt. Jack O'Neill.

Police say the occupants of the SUV were three 17-year-old male students from Waugh Prep School, all of whom were treated for minor injuries at the hospital.

The driver was Bradley Pierce, Centerville, the son of Porter Pierce, president and owner of Pierce Manufacturing, said O'Neill.

Beer cans were found in the SUV after the crash, according to O'Neill.