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Folly Beach bride killed when suspected intoxicated driver hits golf cart hours after wedding

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FOLLY BEACH, S.C. (WCBD) – A bride was killed and a groom left critically injured just hours after exchanging their vows on Folly Beach last Friday evening.

The couple had just left their wedding reception when Folly Beach Public Safety Chief Andrew Gilreath said 25-year-old Jamie Komoroski [slammed into the back of a golf cart](#) they were riding in. Komoroski was traveling at about 65 mph at the time, according to Chief Gilreath. The speed limit- only 25 mph.

Charleston County Coroner Bobbi Jo O’Neal identified the [victim as 34-year-old Samantha Miller](#) of Charlotte, North Carolina — Miller suffered blunt force trauma in the crash.

Two others, including Miller’s new husband Aric Hutchinson and the couple’s brother-in-law, suffered critical injuries and remain in the hospital. The couple’s nephew was riding in the golf cart at the time as well.

Hutchinson, according to the family, has already undergone multiple surgeries. He’s expected to be okay, but has a long road to recovery. The other two passengers are also recovering.

Miller’s sister, Mandi Jenkins, said the new couple was on the way back to their Airbnb when they were fatally struck — Miller, still in her wedding dress.

“I’ve never seen my sister look so beautiful. And so happy,” said Jenkins. Fighting back tears, she said “my sister, a daughter, a wife, died in her wedding dress because someone made a terrible decision to get in the car.”

Family members were nearby when they heard the sirens. Jenkins said her mother knew right away.

“It was so dark, but it was so light because of all of the police. I can’t take it out of my brain. And my mom and I ran holding hands. No shoes, no bra, no nothing, just screaming ‘Sammy!’” Jenkins recalled.

Responding officers described seeing “a large crash scene with a golf cart on its side” and several victims among the wreckage. At the center was Komoroski, who, [according to](#)

affidavits, smelled of alcohol.

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