

Sen. Fenwick Charged in Auto Death

A 63-year-old Arlington woman died yesterday after being struck by a car driven by Virginia State Senator Charles R. Fenwick, Arlington police reported.

The woman, identified by police as Ruth Ramsey, was struck as she walked along Lee hwy. near Wayne st. about 6:45 a.m., shortly before dawn.

Fenwick, a patent attorney with offices in Washington, was on his way to Richmond, police said, when the accident occurred. According to the accident report, Mrs. Ramsey was walking east on the right hand side of the highway when she was struck.

The victim, who lived at 4752 Old Dominion dr., was pronounced dead on arrival at Arlington Hospital. County Medical Examiner Dr. John H. Judson said she died of a broken neck.

Fenwick, 63, was charged by Arlington police with failure to devote full time and attention to his driving.

He told police he heard a "thump" as he drove east on the highway but saw nothing. He said he stopped immediately to investigate and found the woman lying by the side of the road. Fenwick's right front fender was dented, police said.

Investigators said the woman was thrown or carried 48 feet from the point of impact.