

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **Man charged following fatal 2017 crash**



Suspect Charles Chism

Shreveport Police Crash Investigators have charged a man with Negligent Homicide and Negligent Injury following a November 2017 crash in downtown Shreveport that claimed the life of a woman and injured a man.

Just before 11:00 pm on November 25, 2017, Shreveport Police responded to reports of a vehicle striking two pedestrians at the intersection of Texas Avenue and Spring Street. Officers arrived and learned that a 1990's model GMC pickup truck struck two pedestrians as they entered the intersection. Ryan Reetz, 32, of Shreveport and Zoleka Daughtrey, 36, of New Orleans were transported to University Health Hospital with what was reported as serious injuries. On November 26, 2017, Daughtrey died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Detectives with the Crash Investigations Unit responded to the scene and began their investigation. The driver of the vehicle, Charles Chism, 65, of Shreveport was taken to the Shreveport Police Department where he submitted to routine toxicology testing. Alcohol was not believed to be a factor. Preliminary information gathered at the scene suggested that Chism's truck may have had a malfunction, which contributed to the crash. After an extensive investigation that included a mechanical inspection of the truck, detectives found evidence that suggested that Chism was aware that his vehicle had a malfunctioning brake system and knew that the truck was not safe to drive. Based on this information, investigators were able to procure a warrant for Chism's arrest charging him with one count of Negligent Homicide and one count of Negligent Injury. Chism was arrested without incident and subsequently booked into the Shreveport City Jail.

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