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Shreveport Police continue investigation into two fatal crashes

Shreveport Police have identified two persons who died following separate motor vehicle crashes last week.

On April 19, 2018, just before 3:00 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to a major accident at the intersection of Monrovia Street at Line Avenue involving a motorcycle. As officers arrived at the scene, they learned 21 year old John D. Harrell of Bossier City was suffering serious injuries after crashing his 2003 Kawasaki motorcycle into the pavement. Harrell was taken via ambulance to University Health hospital where he later died. Shreveport Police crash investigators were called to the scene of the crash and learned Harrell was traveling south bound on Line Avenue at an accelerated rate of speed before losing control of the motorcycle. There was no evidence of any impact with a separate vehicle prior to the accident.

In a second crash, just after midnight on April 20, Shreveport Police were called to the scene of a single vehicle crash in the 1600 block of Spring Street involving an SUV which left the roadway. Authorities identified the driver of the vehicle as 35 year old Joseph C. Bergeron of Shreveport. During investigators probe of the crash, it was discovered Bergeron was traveling south bound, at a high rate of speed in the 1600 block of Spring Street, when his 2011 Toyota Highlander left the right side of the roadway, causing the truck to flip, coming to rest on its side. Bergeron was declared deceased at the scene of the accident. While preliminary findings suggests speed was a causative factor in both fatalities, each crash remains under investigation by members of the Shreveport Police Department's Crash Investigations Unit.

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