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I-49 crash ends in tragedy

Shreveport Police are investigating a traffic accident that left two people dead and two people injured late last night.

On July 12, 2018, Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to reports of a major accident on I-49 south between the Kings Highway and Hollywood Avenue exit ramps. Arriving officers immediately observed that a truck was on fire and a man trapped inside. Officers took action and were able to rescue the man from the burning vehicle. He was transported to University Health Hospital with life-threatening injuries. A dark colored SUV was also on scene. The driver of that vehicle was pronounced deceased on scene and the passenger was transported to University Health hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. A third vehicle, a dark colored sedan, driven by an on-duty Shreveport Police investigator was also involved in the crash. The driver of that vehicle was transported to University Health with non-life threatening injuries.

Due to the severity of the crash, investigators with the Shreveport Police Department's Crash Investigations Unit responded to the scene. They examined and documented roadway evidence and took witness statements. Following their preliminary investigation detectives believe that the dark blue Chevrolet Equinox driven by 62-year-old Deborah McGee of Shreveport entered I-49 south and was travelling north on the inside lane, against the normal flow of traffic. She collided head on with a tan Toyota truck that was travelling south bound on I-49. That vehicle was driven by 25-year-old James Stanley of Bastrop, La. The Toyota pickup was subsequently forced into the path of the black Dodge Charger driven by 34-year-old Rodney Stewart of Shreveport. Stewart attempted to brake and maneuver around the crash but was unable to do so and struck the Toyota truck. The passenger of the Chevrolet Equinox was identified as 46-year-old Kimberly Snowden, also of Shreveport. The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office responded to the scene and took possession of the deceased driver and an autopsy is pending. Investigators believe alcohol to be a contributing factor in the accident.

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