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Shreveport Police Investigate Fatal Crash on I-49 North

At approximately 8:46 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025, the Shreveport Police Department was dispatched to a major traffic accident on Interstate 49 North at Kings Highway.

Upon arrival, officers found the Shreveport Fire Department already on scene, providing emergency medical assistance. The driver of a silver Chevrolet Traverse was transported to Ochsner Health LSU Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Unfortunately, the driver later succumbed to those injuries.

Due to the severity of the incident, the Shreveport Police Department Crash Unit was notified and responded to conduct a full investigation.

Preliminary findings indicate that the Chevrolet Traverse had stalled in the middle lane of I-49 North. The driver had exited the vehicle to inspect the problem. A northbound Dodge truck approached the stalled SUV and, upon seeing it at the last moment, attempted to swerve left and apply the brakes. Despite the driver's efforts, the Dodge struck both the disabled vehicle and its driver, resulting in major damage to the Chevrolet and fatal injuries to the driver.

The driver of the Dodge truck voluntarily submitted to testing. No citations have been issued at this time, and the investigation remains ongoing.

This marks the second fatal crash in Shreveport within 48 hours. The Shreveport Police Department urges all motorists to move disabled vehicles safely to the right shoulder of the roadway whenever possible, and to always use hazard lights to alert other drivers. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department's Crash Unit.