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## Shreveport Police Investigating Fatal Pedestrian-Involved Crash

On July 25, 2025, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol units responded to a vehicle-versus-pedestrian crash at the intersection of Jewella Avenue and Sumner Street. The Shreveport Fire Department also responded to provide medical assistance.

The pedestrian, later identified as Paula Garcia, suffered severe injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Due to the extent of her injuries, she was not transported from the location. The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office was notified and took over the investigation into the cause of death. Her family has since been notified.

The Shreveport Police Department's Crash Investigation Unit responded and began a detailed investigation. Preliminary findings indicate that Angela Brooks was operating a 2007 Chevrolet HHR southbound on Jewella Avenue. The vehicle had been stopped at the red light at Jewella Avenue and Jackson Street. As the light turned green and the vehicle accelerated, it struck Ms. Garcia, who witnesses reported was running across the street at the time.

Ms. Garcia was wearing a black top and black bottoms, which may have contributed to reduced visibility.

The driver remained on scene and voluntarily submitted to a chemical test. At this time, impairment is not suspected.

This tragic incident serves as a sobering reminder of the importance of following pedestrian safety laws and remaining vigilant when entering or crossing the roadway—whether on foot or behind the wheel. Both pedestrians and drivers share responsibility for ensuring safety on our streets.

The investigation remains ongoing.