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Shreveport Police Investigating Three Fatal Traffic Crashes to Begin 2026

The Shreveport Police Department is investigating three traffic-related fatalities that have occurred in the early weeks of 2026, underscoring the ongoing importance of roadway safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

The first incident involved 67-year-old Geri Babin, who died as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle-versus-pedestrian crash that occurred on December 24, 2025, in the 1500 block of Kings Highway. Preliminary investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling westbound in the inside lane of Kings Highway struck Babin as she was crossing the roadway outside of a marked crosswalk. The driver remained on scene, cooperated fully with investigators, and showed no signs of impairment. Babin was later pronounced deceased on January 9, 2026.

The second fatal crash occurred on January 8, 2026, in the 6200 block of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop. Officers responded to a serious collision involving a Ford pickup truck and a Nissan Sentra. Upon arrival, officers located a white male lying unconscious in the roadway. He was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Preliminary findings indicated that the driver of the Ford pickup truck was ejected from the vehicle during the collision. On January 11, 2026, the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office notified the Shreveport Police Department Crash Investigation Unit that Jimmie Frank Haynes had succumbed to his injuries. No citations were issued in this case.

The third fatal crash occurred on Monday, January 12, 2026, at approximately 1:50 a.m., in the 3300 block of Midway Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a major accident involving an 18-wheeler and a white Chrysler passenger vehicle. Upon arrival, the Shreveport Fire Department was already on scene rendering aid to the driver of the Chrysler, who was transported to Ochsner LSU Health Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Preliminary investigation indicated the Chrysler was traveling eastbound on Midway when it struck the rear of an 18-wheeler trailer that was parked in the roadway facing eastbound. The reason the truck was parked in the roadway remains under investigation. Hospital officials later advised that the driver of the Chrysler succumbed to his injuries. This investigation remains ongoing.

The Shreveport Police Department urges all motorists and pedestrians to remain vigilant, obey traffic laws, and exercise caution at all times. Anyone with information related to these incidents is encouraged to contact the Shreveport Police Department Crash Investigation Unit.