

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*



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## **Two car crash claims two lives**

Two people are dead following a two-car accident Thursday evening along a stretch of Interstate 20 in west Shreveport.

Daniel W. Balentine, 32, of Waskom Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. Balentine was the driver and sole occupant of a 2015 Kia Optima which was traveling eastbound along I-20 near Greenwood Road when the car he was driving was struck head-on by a 2014 Fiat 500, traveling westbound along I-20, in the eastbound lane of traffic.

The driver of the Fiat, a 25 year old woman, whose name has not been released pending proper notification, also died after being taken to University Health. The crash occurred about 10:00 p.m. on May 5, 2016, near the off ramp of I-20 near, just east of Greenwood Road. Shreveport Police Crash investigators responded to the scene of the accident, and based on information gathered at the site of the crash, were able to provide preliminary information into what transpired. It was determined that while traveling westbound in the eastbound lane of I-20 at Greenwood Road, the driver of the Fiat collided with Balentine's vehicle, which subsequently sent the Fiat over the interstate's retaining wall, landing below the interstate onto the roadway below. At current is not certain what factors led to the Fiat's driver's misdirection; however, toxicology testing will be conducted. The investigation remains underway.

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