



Chief of Police Jonathan Dunnam

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PEDESTRIAN FATALITY

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred last night around 6:00pm in the 5000 block of Essen Lane. The crash involved a 2010 Honda Accord and a pedestrian.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the Honda Accord was traveling in the northern direction on Essen Lane in the inside travel lane. Investigators believe that the pedestrian, CLAY BARRAS, 61 of 11580 Perkins Road, was attempting to cross Essen Lane in his wheelchair when struck. BARRAS was in the easterly direction and was not in a crosswalk or an intersection.

BARRAS succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital. The driver of the Honda was not injured.

Impairment is not a factor. The investigation is ongoing, but charges are not anticipated against the driver at this time.

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