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FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH

Baton Rouge Police traffic homicide detectives are investigating a fatal traffic crash that occurred this morning around 3:30am on North I-110 near The Convention St exit. The crash involved a 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer, 2010 Ford Fusion, 1992 Honda Accord, 2016 Chevrolet Impala, and a 2016 Freightliner with box car trailer.

The investigation showed that there were two separate crashes at this location.

The first crash involved only the Mitsubishi and the Ford. The Mitsubishi was traveling the wrong way (south bound) on North bound I-110 in the outside lane causing a head collision.

A good Samaritan who witnessed the crash parked his Impala and ran to the Ford to render aid.

Another good Samaritan, Joseph Burnette, 44, 3135 Voss Dr, also saw the crash and parked his Honda to assist.

As Burnette was walking back to the vehicles a Freightliner (18 wheeler) traveling north bound in the outside lane struck the vehicles in the roadway.

The Honda Accord was struck and the Ford separated from the freightliner and continued north bound in the outside lane against the guardrail, where it struck the rear of the Impala crushing Burnette between the two.

Burnette was pronounced dead on the scene.

3 other individuals who were at the scene suffered life threatening injuries and were transported to a local hospital.

Alcohol and speed are not suspected as being a factor for the driver of the Freightliner. Alcohol and drugs are suspected for the driver of the Mitsubishi.

This is an ongoing investigation.

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