



**Chief of Police Murphy Paul**

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## FATAL CRASH ARREST

Baton Rouge Police Traffic Homicide Detectives arrested CHRISTOPHER MANUEL, 28, today for a traffic crash that occurred on October 12, 2017 around 8:08pm at the intersection of Airline Hwy and Florline Blvd. Manual was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette north bound on Airline Hwy when it crashed into a 2002 Nissan Xterra that was occupied by seven individuals (4 adults, 3 children).

The on-scene investigation revealed that the driver of the Nissan was traveling south bound on Airline Hwy and attempted to make a left turn onto Florline Blvd with a green signal. The Corvette struck the passenger side of the Nissan, causing it to roll over.

Seyaira Stephens, 1, was transported to a local hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

Manual was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and charged with Negligent Homicide and Speeding.

This is an ongoing investigation.

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