



BRPD News Item

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| Date: | 07-26-14 |
| Slug: | Fatal Crash on I-10 Near Perkins Rd |
| Submitted by: | Cpl L'Jean Mckneely |

Jason Smith, 39, 23599 Joe May Rd, Denham Springs, La, the driver of the Mercedes, died today from injuries sustained in last night's crash.

This traffic crash is still under investigation.

Update

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a traffic crash that has a 39 year old man in a local hospital with critical injuries. The 39 year old driver exited a 2008 Mercedes C300 on east I-10 at Perkins after running out of gas around 1:34am this morning.

As the driver began to push the vehicle in the right lane of the interstate, he was struck by a 2009 Toyota FJ Cruiser. Sarah Raimondi, 37, 2618 Kelli Dr, Denham Springs, La, the driver of the Toyota, was arrested for DWI and Vehicular Negligent Injuring.

A 47 year old passenger in the Mercedes received minor injuries during the crash. Raimondi was not injured. The 39 year old driver is also suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

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Original

At approximately 0134 hours, 07-26-2014 Uniform Patrol Officers (2nd District) responded to 700 eastbound Interstate 10 @ Perkins, relative to a stalled vehicle, prior to Officers arrival a traffic crash occurred. On arrival of Officers to the crash scene; it was noted that a W/M was struck by another vehicle causing fatal injuries; reason for stalled vehicle was due to running out of fuel. At the time of this media release no identification of the deceased had been made. Emergency personnel responded along with Traffic Homicide units and the scene was turned over to them. Anyone with information is urged to contact Traffic Homicide division at [225-389-7819](tel:225-389-7819).

Nothing further at this time.