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FATALITY INVESTIGATION

Baton Rouge Police Traffic Homicide Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred today around 9:45am near 1100 North I-110. The crash involved a 2002 Nissan Frontier, a 1999 Ford Expedition, a 2016 Honda CR-V and a 2004 Toyota Corolla.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the Nissan had stalled, with unknown mechanical issues, in the outside travel lane. Investigators believe that the driver of the Nissan, JOSE ZAVALA, of 2241 ½ Henderson Street, Houma, LA., was outside the vehicle attempting to flag down motorist. The Ford, also proceeding in the outside travel lane, was able to stop behind the Nissan. The Honda, too traveling in the outside travel lane, subsequently struck the Ford from behind which caused it to strike ZAVALA along with the Nissan. After the initial collision, the Honda struck the Toyota.

ZAVALA died at the scene.

The drivers and passengers of the Ford and Honda were transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries. The driver and passenger of the Toyota did not appear to be injured.

This crash remains under investigation.

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