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TRAFFIC FATALITIES ON AIRLINE HWY

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred last night around 9:00pm in the 7700 block of Airline Highway. The crash involved a 2009 Ford Mustang and a 2007 Freightliner tractor-trailer.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the Ford was traveling northbound on Airline Hwy in an erratic and reckless manner. Witnesses reported that the Ford crossed over the median several times before colliding head-on with the Freightliner.

The driver of the Ford, WALLACEA SWAZER, 23 of 4267 Prescott Road died on scene. CARTER NORTHERN, 2 of 4267 Prescott Road, believed to be the son of SWAZER, was transported to a local hospital and later succumbed to his injuries. Investigators believe that CARTER was not properly restrained inside the vehicle. The third occupant of the Ford, 19-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital for moderate injuries. The 50-year-old driver of the Freightliner was not injured in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation.

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