



**Chief of Police Murphy Paul**

February 22, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **TRAFFIC FATALITY ON JEFFERSON HWY.**

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a single vehicle traffic fatality that occurred last night around 11:30pm in the 11800 block of Jefferson Highway. The crash involved a Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the motorcycle was traveling westbound on Jefferson Highway in the outside travel lane. Investigators believe that the operator, Thomas Matherne, 53 of 9174 Woodbine Street, failed to navigate a curve and was ejected from the motorcycle.

Matherne succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

This investigation remains ongoing.

Sgt. Don Coppola Jr.  
Office of the Chief of Police  
BRPD Public Information Office  
(225)389-3948  
dacoppola@brgov.com