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## UPDATE-SHOOTING ON BALIS DR

### Update

The East Baton Rouge Forensics Laboratory conducted an autopsy and BRPD learned that Cornell McDuffey, 18 died from injuries sustained in the single vehicle traffic crash. McDuffey did not have any gunshot injuries.

There was a weapon at the scene that was collected as evidence and BRPD will continue to investigate the shooting.

Anyone having information on this incident is urged to contact the Violent Crimes Unit at (225)389-4869 or Crime Stoppers at (225)344-7867.

### Original

Baton Rouge Police Uniformed Officers were dispatched to a traffic crash that occurred on East I-10 at Essen Lane around 11:34pm last night. Upon arrival officers observed one male victim lying in a grassy area suffering from a gunshot injury and three others attempting to flee the scene on the traffic crash on foot.

The individual that was lying in the grass was transported to a nearby hospital and two of the three individuals that were attempting to flee the crash scene were detained for questioning.

The two detained individuals were interviewed by detectives and were uncooperative. The individual, CORNELL MCDUFFEY, 18, 8633 SANTA ROSA AVE, that was transported to the nearby hospital died from his injuries.

Detectives believe the individuals in the vehicle may have been involved in a shooting that occurred in the 2200 block of Balis Dr shortly before the crash occurred.

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