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## **ARREST MADE IN FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH**

Last night, Baton Rouge Police Traffic Homicide Investigators arrested DARRIEN ROGERS, 22 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. ROGERS was booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Manslaughter, Aggravated Flight from an Officer, Red Light Violation and Driving on Wrong Side of Highway.

Investigators responded to a fatal traffic crash that occurred on April 30, 2022 around 10:05 p.m. in the 900 block of Scenic Highway. The crash involved a 2014 Dodge Charger and a 2019 Chevrolet Cruz.

The at-scene investigation revealed that a Baton Rouge Police Uniform Patrol Officer observed the Dodge Charger traveling west into the eastbound lanes of Choctaw Drive around North Acadian Thruway at a high rate of speed, nearly missing several motorists. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop, utilizing police emergency lights and siren, but the operator refused to stop. The Dodge continued to drive into on-coming traffic, disregarded red traffic signals and traveled speeds estimated in excess of 100mph. The Dodge traveled south on Scenic Highway attempting to proceed through the intersection of Fuqua Street on a red traffic signal. As a result, the Dodge struck the driver's side of the Chevrolet Cruz that was traveling east on Fuqua Street. The driver of the Chevrolet Cruz, SHERELL WESTON, 49 of 17232 Jefferson Highway, succumbed to her injuries at the scene. ROGERS sustained minor injuries.

ROGERS was booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Manslaughter, Aggravated Flight from an Officer, Red Light Violation and Driving on Wrong Side of Highway.

This investigation remains ongoing.

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