



**Chief of Police Murphy Paul**

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## TRAFFIC HOMICIDE ARREST

### Update

Baton Rouge Police Traffic Homicide Detectives arrested Marlon Deon Rogers, 47, 1905 Caddo St, Baker La today and booked him into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for 3 counts of Vehicular Homicide, 1 count of operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Vehicular Negligent Injuring, Speeding and Red Light for a fatal traffic crash that occurred on January 1, 2018 around 6:15pm in the 10600 block of Scenic Highway.

Rogers was found to have Cocaine in his system at the time of this crash.

Rogers was arrested by EBRSO at his home after police received a tip from Crime Stoppers.

### Original

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred on January 1, 2018 around 6:15pm in the 10600 block of Scenic Highway. The crash involved a 2003 Toyota Avalon and a 2006 Toyota Scion.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the Toyota Scion was proceeding east on Blount Road and began crossing the intersection of Scenic Highway with a green traffic light, when it was struck by the Toyota Avalon. The Toyota Avalon was traveling south on Scenic Highway and failed to stop for the red traffic light, as a result striking the Scion.

The driver of the Scion, RANDELL WILLIAMS SR., 23 and front passenger KALANDRIA BETHLEY, 21 both of 2817 Jay Street, were unrestrained at the time of the crash. WILLIAMS SR. and BETHLEY died at the scene. Their 2-month-old son was a rear passenger, properly secured in a child safety seat. The child was transported to a local hospital and remains in life threatening condition.

The 46-year-old male driver, along with the 56-year-old female passenger of the Avalon, both restrained at the time of the crash, were transported to a local hospital with moderate / severe injuries.

Both speed and drugs are suspected for the driver of the Avalon.

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This investigation remains ongoing.

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