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TRAFFIC FATALITY ON I-10

Baton Rouge Police are investigating two separate crashes that occurred this morning around 2:40am on I-10 near the I-110 southbound merge. The crash involved a 2017 International semi-tractor trailer, 2008 BMW X3 and a 1994 Chevrolet C15.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the International tractor-trailer was initially struck from behind by the BMW. The impact caused smoke and fire to the BMW. The BMW remained inoperable in the right travel lane as the four occupants were able to exit the vehicle. The Chevrolet then struck the BMW from behind causing the BMW to be engulfed in flames.

Investigators believe that during the course of the incident the Chevrolet struck one of the passengers of the BMW, ROBLES BETUEL, 55. BETUEL was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. The other occupants of the BMW were also transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

There were no injuries reported by the two other drivers or to the passenger of the International.

The crash remains under investigation.

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