



MEDIA RELEASE

Temple Police Department Investigates Crash, 1 Deceased

TEMPLE, TX (December 30, 2023) – UPDATE: The Temple Police Department has identified the deceased individual in the December 30 crash as 29-year-old Damian Avila.

TEMPLE, TX (December 30, 2023) – The Temple Police Department is investigating a crash that left one individual deceased.

At around 3:26 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, officers were dispatched to 31st Street near Sleepy Hollow Lane for reports of a single-vehicle crash. Upon arrival, officers found a vehicle wrapped around a tree, and the driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased. Pieces of the vehicle did launch into a nearby residence; however, no additional injuries have been reported at this time.

All southbound lanes on 31st Street are shut down, and one northbound lane is open.

This case is under investigation. Anyone with information should contact the Temple Police Department at 254-298-5500 or the Bell County Crime Stoppers at 254-526-8477, where callers can report anonymously. Tips can also be submitted anonymously at bellcountycrimestoppers.com.