



MEDIA RELEASE

Temple Police Department investigates a fatal accident

TEMPLE, TX (August 31, 2024) – The Temple Police Department has identified the victim as 30-year-old Thomas Needles from Kempner, TX.

TEMPLE, TX (August 30, 2024) – The Temple Police Department is investigating a fatal accident.

At around 8:15 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024, officers were dispatched to the 2100 block of S 9th Street for reports of a vehicle on fire. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle that had entered a residence and was engulfed in flames. The vehicle was traveling east down Avenue U when it left the roadway and struck a parked vehicle and a residence. The residence and the vehicle were unoccupied at the time. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

The driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased by Judge Larry Wilkey at 8:25 a.m. and the body will be taken to the Southwestern Institute of Forensics Science in Dallas for an autopsy to determine the cause of death. No other injuries have been reported at this time.

The Temple Police Department Traffic Unit responded to this incident to investigate the cause of the accident, and there is no additional information at this time.

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.