



MEDIA RELEASE

Temple Police Department investigates fatal wreck

TEMPLE, TX (March 8, 2024) – UPDATE: The Temple Police Department has identified the deceased female in yesterday's fatal wreck as 72-year-old Victoria Beluso Aranas of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

TEMPLE, TX (March 7, 2024) – The Temple Police Department is investigating a fatal wreck that left a 72-year-old female deceased.

At around 8 a.m. officers were dispatched to northbound Interstate 35 near exit 306. The initial investigation reveals the female's vehicle was stopped in the middle lane of the interstate due to her vehicle experiencing mechanical issues. The vehicle was hit from behind by an 18-wheeler.

In order to investigate, officers diverted traffic off the interstate for several hours. The interstate has since reopened.

The identity of the female victim will be released once next of kin notifications are complete.

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.