



MEDIA RELEASE

Temple Police Department investigates crash, 1 male deceased

TEMPLE, TX (December 8, 2023) – UPDATE: The Temple Police Department has identified the deceased male in Thursday's crash as 66-year-old Jimmy Louis Crathers of Temple.

TEMPLE, TX (December 7, 2023) – The Temple Police Department is investigating a car crash that left one male deceased.

At around 3:21 p.m., officers were dispatched south of the Avenue H overpass on the southeast loop for a vehicle crash. The initial investigation reveals a male driver attempted to make a U-turn in the middle of the loop when another vehicle hit the driver door side of the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle who made the U-turn is deceased, the male passenger was transported to Baylor Scott and White hospital in critical condition. The driver of the second vehicle did not report any serious injuries.

Officers have shut down the southbound lanes on the loop and are directing traffic on East Adams Ave.

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.