



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Man Killed in One-Vehicle Traffic Crash

Sheriff's Deputies say a man was killed early this morning in a traffic crash in east Shelby County near the Brunswick area.

Traffic Crash Investigators say just after midnight, a 1995 Ford Explorer driven by Louis Brooks, 29, of east Shelby County, was northbound on Brunswick Road just north of Highway 70.

Deputies say as his vehicle rounded a curve, Brooks lost control of the SUV. It skidded across the road and crashed into a tree.

Brooks and the only other passenger, Samuel Becton, 24, were taken to the Regional Medical Center. Brooks died a short time later. Becton remains in stable condition.

Deputies say Brooks and Becton were not wearing their seat belts. Investigators say speed and alcohol use also led to the crash. Deputies say both men appeared to have been drinking. Several open beer cans were found inside the vehicle.

Sheriff's Deputies have investigated three fatal traffic crashes this week. Speed and/or lack of seat belts were factors in those crashes.

So far this year, six (6) people have died in traffic crashes investigated by Sheriff's Deputies.

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