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TRAFFIC FATALITY

Sheriff's Office Traffic Crash Investigators say two Houston High School students were involved in a deadly traffic crash while on their way to school this morning.

One of the boys was killed. Another was critically hurt.

Just before 7 a.m., the teenagers were going east on Walnut Grove about a mile west of North Houston Levee Road. Their vehicle, a 2000 Chevy Camaro, had just passed a car on the two-lane road when the driver of the vehicle lost control and skidded into the opposing lane of traffic.

The Camaro was hit on the passenger side by a 2005 Land Rover.

The passenger in the Camaro, 18-year-old Shantwan Jackson, of Cordova, died at the scene. The driver, 17-year-old Tyler Anderson, also of Cordova, was taken by helicopter to the Regional Medical Center in critical condition.

The driver of the SUV, Kimberly Smith, 38, of Memphis, was taken to Baptist Hospital in stable condition.

Deputies say speed was a factor in the crash. Investigators say all those involved were wearing their seat belts.

Investigators say there was no evidence of alcohol use.

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