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SCSO Investigates Two Vehicle Crash on Airways

On 10-10-2011 at approximately 2:40 pm, MPD responded to a 2-vehicle department vehicle crash on Airways Blvd. near Raines Road. Evidence at the scene showed that a Ford Expedition driven by Shelby County Sheriff's Detective, **Sgt. Trini Dean** was traveling north on Airways when it was struck head on by a vehicle driven by **Artterrance Buchanan**, 18, which was traveling south on Airways.

According to witness reports, the vehicle driven by Buchanan was swerving in and out of traffic initially traveling west on Winchester Rd. As he headed south on Airways, the witness says Buchanan sped up behind him in the center lane. The witness says Buchanan was tailgating and taunting him before the crash occurred, changed lanes and lost control crashing into the Expedition head on.

On impact, both vehicles caught fire and both drivers were pulled from their vehicles by MPD officers. Both victims were taken to **Methodist University Hospital**. At this hour, Buchanan is in extremely critical condition and Sgt. Dean is in stable condition with three broken ribs, a broken right wrist and both legs are broken.

Investigators believe there were witnesses to the crash and the events leading up to the crash. **The investigation is ongoing.** Anyone with information is asked to call the Shelby County Traffic Division or Crime Stoppers at 901-528-CASH.

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