



Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Traffic Fatality in Gulfport

Date: 01/21/16

Narrative

Gulfport, FL— A Gulfport officer, who is a MAIT member, assists MAIT with a traffic fatality. The PCSO release for this investigation is as follows:

16-014 Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) Investigates Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash In Gulfport

MAIT Investigation

Who:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

-Patrol Operations Bureau

-Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT)

Shawn Lynch (Deceased Driver)

DOB: 7/30/1972

Address: 1414 Asturia Way South, St. Petersburg

Vehicle: 2004 Infiniti FX35

What:

Deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) are investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash in Gulfport.

Where:

The crash took place in the area of Tangerine Avenue and 49th Street South.

When:

The crash occurred at approximately 03:35 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

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How/Why:

Deputies assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) are investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash in Gulfport.

According to investigators, the driver of a 2004 Infiniti FX35 was traveling westbound on 18th Avenue South, approaching 49th Street South, at approximately 3:35 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

The driver, traveling at a high rate of speed, crossed over 49th Street, failing to stop at the stop sign. The driver then drove over the sidewalk onto a grassy area on the west side of 49th Street, alongside Tangerine Avenue.

The vehicle continued through the grass before striking a tree, causing the vehicle to overturn and come to final rest on the passenger side.

The driver, identified as 43-year-old Shawn Lynch was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Tangerine Avenue between 49th Street South and 51st Street South remains closed at this time.

The investigation continues.

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