



BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Jamal A. Simington - Chief of Police
Paul D. Williams - Assistant Chief
Kenneth A. Bays - Assistant Chief
Chad E. Wamsley - Assistant Chief

305 S. East Street
Bloomington, IL, 61701
309-820-8888

For Immediate Release: March 17th, 2022

Fatal Traffic Crash

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, 3/15/2022, at approximately 8:24 p.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to 1500 block of S. Main St. for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Upon arrival, officers located a 54 year old pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle. Officers rendered first aid and called for Bloomington Fire Department to respond. The pedestrian and the driver of the vehicle were both transported to Carle BroMenn Hospital in Normal. The driver was treated and released from the hospital.

The pedestrian was later transported to Carle Clinic in Champaign due to the severity of his injuries. The next morning, 3/16/2022, the pedestrian was pronounced deceased by the Champaign County Coroner's office. This traffic crash is still under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department.

Chief Jamal A. Simington said, *"We are saddened by this traffic accident. Our condolences go out to Mr. Walker's family and friends. As outdoor temperatures increase, so will the users of the highway system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycles. Please be mindful and alert of these changes in activities. Be alert, watch your speed, and eliminate distractions. The Bloomington Police Department needs everyone to do their part to help us reach our goal of reducing crashes by 10% this year."*

Release from Champaign County Coroner on 3-17-2022

Champaign County Coroner Duane Northrup is releasing the identity of a Bloomington, Illinois man involved in a motor vehicle versus pedestrian incident on the evening of March 15, 2022. Fifty-Four-year-old Darrin R. Walker was pronounced dead at Carle Foundation Hospital at 7:19 AM on March 16, 2022 from a traumatic head injury he received during that incident. No autopsy will be performed however, toxicology results are pending. The circumstances surrounding Mr. Walker's death are under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the Champaign County Coroner's Office.

###

If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at (309)-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

Media Contact:

Sergeant John Fermon

Bloomington (IL) Police Department

Desk: (309)-434-2355 | **Fax:** (309)-829-0662 | **Email:** Police@cityblm.org