



# MEDIA RELEASE



BLOOMINGTON PD & MCLEAN COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

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## ***Fatal Vehicle Crash***

**Bloomington, IL-** On Friday, 6/24/22, at 1:25 a.m., officers from the Bloomington Police Department witnessed a car drive through two red lights at the intersections of Market St. and Center St., and then Market St. and Madison St. without stopping. At the intersection of Market St. and Lee St. the car had a minor crash with another vehicle which was stopped at the stop sign. The driver of the victim vehicle reported no injuries. The suspect car continued driving without stopping. Bloomington police officers then attempted to initiate a traffic stop by activating the squad car's lights and siren. The suspect vehicle continued driving without slowing down or stopping. At the intersection of Oak St. and Mulberry St. the officers terminated the traffic stop. The suspect car was last seen continuing north on Oak St. at Locust St.

At 1:27 a.m., Bloomington Police Dispatch received a call from a citizen that there was a vehicle on fire at Locust St. and White Oak Rd. Bloomington police officers arrived on scene and found the same suspect car which had fled their traffic stop earlier. The car had crashed into a power pole causing the lines to come down. The car was fully engulfed in flames and officers could hear popping sounds and small explosions coming from the vehicle. Bloomington Fire Department arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. At this time no additional information is being released. This traffic crash is still under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County Coroner's Office.

Chief Jamal A. Simington said, *"We are saddened by this traffic accident. Our condolences go out to the yet unidentified driver'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."*

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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](mailto: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.

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