



Richardson Police Department News Release

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Double Fatality Collision
3500 Blk. North Central Expressway
Richardson, TX

On Saturday September 18, 2010, at approximately 2:17 AM, Richardson Police responded to a multiple vehicle collision in the 3500 block of northbound North Central Expressway. Initial investigation revealed that a newer model white pickup truck, possibly a Mitsubishi, had stopped in the left center lane for an unknown reason. Tiffani Cooper of Dallas was able to stop her 2006 Lexus before striking the rear of the stopped pickup. McKinney motorcyclist Shane Leclair and his wife Lacy Leclair, who was a passenger on their 2007 Harley Davidson, were able to avoid the rear of the Lexus but laid their motorcycle down in the process. McKinney motorcyclist Antonio Santos and his wife Elisa Santos, who was a passenger on their 2004 Kawasaki, were not able to avoid the rear of the Lexus. The collision ejected both riders from their motorcycle. The Lexus was then struck a second time when Carolyn Lafferty of McKinney was unable to avoid it in her 2005 Dodge Magnum. Ms. Lafferty struck a second vehicle, 2000 Honda driven by Frisco resident John Bruner, it was in the lane to her left and contact was made when she attempted to avoid the Lexus.

Lacy Leclair and Elisa Santos were transported to Methodist Richardson Medical Center. Ms. Leclair was treated for minor injuries. Ms. Santos, 42 years of age, was pronounced deceased shortly after her arrival. Antonio Santos, 41 years of age, was transported to Parkland hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at approximately 9:45 AM Sunday morning.

Investigators are seeking the identity of the driver of the white pickup truck who fled the scene following the collisions. The truck may have slight rear end damage as a result of the Lexus being pushed into it. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Richardson Police Department at 972-744-4801.

The traffic fatalities were Richardson's sixth and seventh of the year 2010.

Update: Richardson Police have identified the driver of the white pickup truck. He has been identified as 18 year-old Plano resident Sterling A. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was arrested on October 28th and charged with two counts of manslaughter.

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