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Traffic Fatality #44

Case: 09-2432579

Date: Monday, August 31, 2009

Time: 10:05 p.m.

Location: Airport Blvd and Bolm Road

Deceased: Robert Joel Benn, White Male, (D.O.B. 05-30-45)

Narrative:

On Monday, August 31, 2009, Central East Area Command patrol officers responded to a crash at the intersection of Airport Blvd and Bolm Road.

A preliminary investigation shows that an Austin Police officer identified a suspected DWI at 7th and Pleasant Valley. The officer followed the vehicle, identified as a Lincoln Navigator driven by a Hispanic male, and tried to initiate a traffic stop. The Navigator failed to stop, driving slowly through several streets. The Navigator turned east onto Bolm Road and at that time the driver gunned the engine and sped off toward Airport Blvd. The driver of the Navigator ran a red light at Bolm Road and Airport Blvd, striking a Dodge Charger, driven by Robert Benn.

Austin-Travis County EMS pronounced Benn deceased at the scene. The driver of the Navigator was transported to Brackenridge Hospital with minor injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 512-974-6981. This case remains under investigation. This is the 44th fatality of 2009. During this time in 2008 APD had 37 fatalities for the year.

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