

# *Shreveport Police Dept.*

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## **Two killed, one seriously injured in overnight crash**

Shreveport Police are investigating an overnight crash in west Shreveport that left a man and woman dead and a juvenile fighting for their life at a local hospital.

On Saturday, September 5, 2020, just after 10:30 p.m., Shreveport Police patrol officers responded to a serious injury rollover crash on Mansfield Road at Betty Street. Arriving officers learned that three occupants of a Kia Optima were transported to Ochsner LSU Health Hospital. The adult male and adult female were pronounced deceased upon arrival and a juvenile occupant of the car was said to have life-threatening injuries. A second vehicle, a black Toyota Avalon, was also on scene. The male driver of that vehicle was not injured.

Due to the seriousness of the crash, the Crash Investigations Unit was summoned. Detectives digitally documented the crash scene. Preliminary evidence suggested the KIA Optima was traveling southbound on Mansfield Road at a high rate of speed and struck the slower moving Toyota Avalon from behind. The driver of the Toyota Avalon was properly restrained and was not injured. The three occupants in the KIA Optima were unrestrained and all three were partially ejected.

The driver was taken to the Shreveport Police Complex for chemical testing.

The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office took custody of the deceased and an autopsy was scheduled.

The Shreveport Police Department would like to remind the public to use their seatbelts. Louisiana law requires every person in a vehicle, regardless of seating position, to be properly restrained day or night. Seatbelts save lives!

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