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Solo-Vehicle Fatal Collision

On January 18, 2026, at approximately 1:54 a.m., the Citrus Heights Police Department received an automated crash alert from an SUV involved in a solo-vehicle collision into a utility pole in the area of Greenback Lane and Dewey Drive.

When officers arrived, they located a single SUV that had collided with a utility pole. The adult female driver was unresponsive. Officers immediately began lifesaving efforts until the driver was transported to a local hospital by Sacramento Metro Fire. Despite those efforts, the driver was unable to be revived and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Traffic investigators with the Citrus Heights Police Department's Traffic Unit responded and initiated an investigation into the collision. Preliminary information indicates alcohol may have been a factor; however, the investigation remains ongoing.

Eastbound lanes of Greenback Lane between Dewey Drive and Hilltree Avenue were closed for approximately two and a half hours during the investigation. The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin by the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has information related to events leading up to it is urged to contact the Citrus Heights Police Department Traffic Unit at (916) 727-5500.

The Citrus Heights Police Department reminds drivers that alcohol, fog, and reduced visibility significantly increase crash risk. When driving in foggy conditions, slow down, increase following distance, use low-beam headlights, and never drive impaired.