



OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Fatal Crash in Lyon Townships Kills 1

Thursday April 1, 2010 Lyon Township

The Sheriff's Crash Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on Grand River Avenue near Napier Road at approximately 2:13 a.m. this morning.

Gerald Atkinson, a 28 year old resident of South Lyon was killed this morning when the vehicle he was riding in, a 1996 Saturn, collided with a 2001 International tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer was traveling west on Grand River Avenue.

A 28 year old South Lyon resident was operating the Saturn east on Grand River Avenue, west of Napier Road. The driver of the Saturn went left of center, crossing into the west bound lane of the Grand River Avenue. The 48 year old truck driver and Walled Lake resident attempted to avoid the Saturn. The Saturn struck the tractor-trailer.

Mr. Atkinson was pronounced dead at the scene. The 28 year old Saturn Driver was transported to Botsford Hospital in stable condition where he is currently in surgery. The Saturn driver is expected to recover from his injuries. The 48 year old tractor-trailer driver was not injured.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this crash. A search warrant was obtained for the driver of the Saturn for a blood test for alcohol. Results will take several weeks.

Seatbelt use by the driver of the Saturn is unknown. Mr. Atkinson and the truck driver were wearing seatbelts.

The case remains under investigation.

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