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Fatal Vehicle Crash Kills Two

ABILENE, TX – A head-on crash claimed the lives of two Abileneans on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Police received several calls just after 9 p.m. saying a vehicle was traveling south on Highway 83/84 in the wrong lane near Kirby Lake. Witnesses say several vehicles had to evade the wrong-way driver by moving out of its way as it came at a high rate of speed. The driver ended up colliding head-on with a second vehicle, killing both drivers.

Next of Kin notification has been made. The driver of the 2011 Buick sedan, who was driving in the wrong direction, is identified as 96-year-old James Henry Wheeler of Abilene. The driver of the second vehicle, a 2020 Ford SUV, is identified as 35-year-old Roxanne Rivero Medina, also of Abilene. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene by Judge Mike McAuliffe. There were no other occupants in either vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
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