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UPDATE – Fatal Crash in South Abilene – E Hwy 80

ABILENE, TX – **UPDATE** – Next of kin notification has been made. The deceased have been identified as 46-year-old Jason Michael Rigstad and 32-year-old Rebecca Mae Barker, both of Abilene.

ORIGINAL RELEASE – A multi-vehicle crash in South Abilene claimed the lives of two individuals.

On Tuesday, April 26, at approximately 7:31 pm, the Abilene Police Department responded to a major accident in the 2500 block of East Highway 80. A 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling east in the 2500 block of East Highway 80. A 1997 Dodge pickup was traveling west in the 2500 block of East Highway 80, and began turning south toward the ramp of Texas Loop 322, causing the motorcycle to collide with the pickup.

The two occupants of the motorcycle succumbed to their injuries. Next of kin notification is pending, and an update will be sent at a later time. The driver and lone occupant of the pickup, a 34-year-old male, was not injured.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash at this time. The crash remains under investigation.

Respectfully,

John Ramirez
Public Information Officer



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