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Fatal Crash Investigation on E. Highway 80

ABILENE, TX – On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7 p.m., dispatch was called regarding a single vehicle crash in the area of East Highway 80 and the underpass of Loop 322. A 2002 Toyota Tacoma 4-door pickup was heading east on East Highway 80, approaching the underpass of Loop 322 when the driver left the roadway and traveled onto the center median, striking the concrete pillar of the underpass. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene by Judge Sparky Dean. No other vehicles were involved in this crash

Next of kin notification has been made. The driver of the pickup is identified as 66-year-old Jimmy Townsend of Abilene. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this crash. The cause is under investigation.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
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