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Incident Number: #W24-01012
RE: Fatal Accident_4/16/2024

The Whiteland Police Department, along with assisting agencies, responded to a two vehicle accident on N US 31 and Country Wood Drive on April 16, 2024, at approximately 9:30 pm.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a motorcycle was traveling north on US 31 when a personal vehicle truck attempted to cross traffic onto US 31 from Country Wood Dr in front of the motorcycle. The motorcycle was unable to stop and struck the truck. WPD Officers heard the accident occur and were on scene immediately to administer aid.

The operator of the motorcycle, Drew Shrader, 19 years old, from Shelbyville, IN succumbed to his injuries sustained in the accident. The other driver, Jeffrey Cobbs, 62 years old, from New Whiteland, IN was uninjured and was transported to the Whiteland Police station for an investigation and was later arrested for possible intoxication while operating a vehicle causing death.

At this time, it appears that alcohol and/or speed were factors in the collision. WPD Accident Investigators are continuing their investigation for reconstruction.

Anyone with information related to the crash is requested to contact the Whiteland Police Department at (317) 535-8100. Information can also be submitted on our website at www.whitelandpd.us or by emailing tips@whitelandpd.us