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## McComb man and Jackson woman killed

■ **Two people die in separate traffic accidents Saturday in Jackson**

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Two people were killed in separate traffic accidents Saturday in Jackson that were less than six hours apart, officials said.

Robert Keith Hemphill, 23, of

McComb, was killed Saturday morning after he was struck by a vehicle on I-55 South near Elton Road while changing a tire.

Sandra Lowery, 40, of 5624 Spencer Drive in Jackson, died of injuries suffered when a loose trailer collided with her car on Clinton Boulevard.

No charges have been filed in either wreck but police say their investigations are continuing.

Police were called to the first

wreck at 6:33 a.m.

Hemphill was changing a tire on a 1997 Nissan truck when an Oldsmobile driven by Michael Laws, 57, of La Place, La., struck him, police spokesman Robert Graham said.

Hemphill was pronounced dead at 7:26 a.m. in the University of Mississippi Medical Center emergency room, Hinds County Deputy Coroner Bill Chancellor said.

Police questioned and released

Laws, Graham said.

Investigators are trying to determine if Laws swerved off the interstate or Hemphill stepped back into traffic, Graham said.

Police were called to Clinton Boulevard at 12:14 p.m.

Lowery was pulling out of the Burger King parking on Clinton Boulevard when a small trailer carrying a lawn mower hit the passenger side of her Volvo, Graham said.

The trailer apparently wasn't properly secured, Graham said.

The trailer penetrated the car and hit Lowery in the head, Chancellor said.

Lowery was pronounced dead at 2:48 p.m. at the UMC emergency room, Chancellor said.

The trailer was attached to a truck driven by Vince Gordon, 33, of 409 Valley St. who was traveling east on Clinton Boulevard, Graham said.

Police questioned Gordon and released him.

A loose trailer injured two men changing a flat tire on I-55 in Jackson on Oct. 31.

The trailer rammed into the parked truck and sent them tumbling 60 feet down a hill at the Pearl Street interchange.

Officials said the accident occurred when the trailer's safety chain broke.

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