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La Porte Police seek assistance in fatality motor vehicle accident

On Thursday, March 2, 2017 at approximately 3:07 PM a 911 call was received at La Porte Police Department Dispatch Center advising that a male driver had been critically injured in the 2300 block of State Highway 146 southbound near Wharton Weems Boulevard. Emergency personnel responded to the scene including La Porte Police, La Porte Fire and La Porte EMS crews.

A white male driver was located in a blue 2016 Ford Edge SUV in a stopped position against the guard rail and unresponsive behind the steering wheel. The victim appeared to have suffered a significant injury to his neck and was unconscious. Bystanders and emergency personnel attempted to resuscitate the victim. He was transported by La Porte EMS to Clear Lake Regional in critical condition. The victim was declared as deceased on arrival at the hospital. He has been identified as sixty year old Mr. Paul Hoffman, 1600 block of Rustic Oak Lane, Pasadena, TX.

An investigation has been initiated by La Porte Police with Sergeant Bennie Boles as supervisor under case number 1700837. It appears at this time that a large bolt entered through the driver's windshield and struck the victim in the neck area, causing extensive injuries to the victim. The bolt is believed to be a retaining pin for containers to attach to large flatbed trailers. It is believed the item came from a northbound truck trailer combination travelling northbound along the same area of the incident, and struck the victim's southbound vehicle, resulting in his death.

The La Porte Police Department is asking for assistance from citizens who may have witnessed the incident and who may have identifying information on the truck from which the bolt came from. Any persons with helpful information may contact the La Porte Police Department at 281-471-2141 and refer to the above case number, 1700837.

Photos of the actual bolt and how it is secured to a trailer are attached on the following page.



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