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Victims in fatal Fortress Blvd. crash identified

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – (January 6, 2023) Murfreesboro Police Department Fatal Accident Crash Team (FACT) investigators have identified the two victims in Tuesday night's fatal crash on Fortress Blvd.

Larry Pitts, 68, of Murfreesboro, a disabled passenger, and 38-year-old Daniel Dea, of Murfreesboro, both died from injuries after the crash.

Pitts was a passenger in the 2019 Dodge Caravan driven by 62-year-old Catherine Jett. Dea was the driver of a 2011 GMC Sierra.

Jett failed to maintain the lane of traffic, crossing over into the northbound lane of Fortress Blvd. and colliding with the GMC Sierra, according to FACT investigators.

Jett remains in the hospital. She is in stable condition.

Possible charges are pending against Jett.

The investigation continues.

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Police investigating Fortress Blvd. fatal crash; second person has died

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – (January 4, 2023) The Murfreesboro Police Department Fatal Accident Crash Team (FACT) is investigating a two-vehicle crash that left two people dead and another driver injured on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A disabled 68-year-old passenger in a 2019 Dodge Caravan was flown to TriStar Skyline for treatment. He died from his injuries a short time later.

A 37-year-old male driver of a 2011 GMC Sierra was flown to Vanderbilt Hospital for treatment; however, he also passed away from his injuries.

Both victims' names are being withheld pending next of kin notification.

The fatal crash occurred at the entrance of the Cross Creek of Murfreesboro Apartments, 490 Fortress Blvd. at 5:01 p.m. Tuesday. Investigators closed Fortress Blvd. from Hwy 96 to Blaze Dr. for hours while the FACT investigated the crash.

The preliminary investigation shows the driver of the Dodge Caravan, a 62-year-female driver was traveling southbound on Fortress. According to investigators, she failed to maintain the lane of travel, crossing over into the northbound lane and colliding with the GMC Sierra. The driver is listed in stable condition.

Charges against the driver could be pending, according to FACT investigators.

The crash is still under investigation.

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Attachment: Crash Scene Photos