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Two-Vehicle Fatal Collision

ABILENE, TX – On Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 6:04 p.m. officers of the Abilene Police Department's Patrol and Traffic Divisions responded to a two-car major vehicle collision in the 4400 Block of South 7th. St. The initial investigation revealed that a black Chevrolet Traverse driven by 39-year-old Daniel Flores of Abilene was travelling west bound in the inside lane of South 7th, when it was struck by a black 2015 Kia Forte driven by 31-year-old Keith De La Vega also of Abilene. The Kia veered left and entered the inside west bound lane and struck the Chevrolet Traverse head on.

Flores was transported to Hendrick Medical Center Plaza on Buffalo Gap Rd. by private auto with non-life-threatening injuries. De La Vega was pronounced deceased at the scene by Justice of the Peace Frank Cleveland. Both vehicles were only occupied by the drivers. Although alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this collision, blood specimens were obtained from both drivers. This collision remains under investigation by the Abilene Police Department's Traffic Division.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
Public Information Coordinator



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