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Fatal Crash

ABILENE, TX – On April 23, 2021 at approximately 8:30 PM, Abilene Police officers responded to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Oldham Ln. and Industrial Blvd. A 2021 Honda Civic, driven by 18-year-old Ezechiele Zougou, of Abilene, was traveling west on Industrial Blvd., approaching the Oldham Ln. intersection. A 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, driven by 51-year-old Franklin Shackelford of Clyde, was traveling south on Oldham Ln., approaching the Industrial Blvd. intersection. Based upon witnesses and evidence on scene, Mr. Zougou disregarded the stop sign and collided with Mr. Shackelford in the intersection. The impact of the collision caused the Silverado to flip onto its top and the Civic drove into fixed objects on the southwest corner of the intersection. The Civic had severe damage due to the collision and Mr. Zougou suffered severe injuries.

Mr. Zougou was taken to Hendrick Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Shackelford was treated on scene by medics and was not transported to the hospital. Next of kin has been notified and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this collision. No citations have been issued, as further investigation will be conducted by the Traffic Division.

Respectfully,
Rick Tomlin
Public Information Coordinator