

# **ISP Releases Info About Fatal Crash Monday In Madison County**

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**MADISON COUNTY** - The Illinois State Police released information Monday afternoon about a multi-vehicle traffic crash with one fatality earlier in the day.

The driver of a blue Honda died in the Monday morning accident at Interstate 255 Northbound Milepost 26.6, Madison County. The name of the victim has not yet been released because of the family notification process.

## **The Following Preliminary Information is Being Released by Illinois State Police**

### **District 11**

**WHAT:** Multi Vehicle Fatality Traffic Crash

**WHERE:** Interstate 255 Northbound Milepost 26.6, Madison County

**WHEN:** July 27, 2020 at 10:55 a.m.

**VEHICLE:** Unit 1- 2010 Blue Honda Car

Unit 2- 2018 White Honda Civic

Unit 3- 2019 Blue International Truck-Tractor Semi-Trailer Combination

**DRIVER:** Unit 1- Pending notification of next of kin - Deceased

Unit 2- Todd Gerdes, 45-year-old male from St. Charles, MO – Transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries

Unit 3- Edon Mehmeti, 25-year-old male from St. Louis, MO – Transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries

**PRELIMINARY:** A preliminary investigation indicates the following occurred: Unit 1 was traveling north on Interstate 255 at milepost 26.6 in Madison County. The driver of Unit 1 was traveling too fast for conditions in heavy rain and lost control, left the roadway to the left and crossed the center median. Unit 2 was traveling south on Interstate 255 and was struck head on by Unit 1. Unit 2 came to rest off the right side of the southbound lanes of Interstate 255 and Unit 1 continued northbound in the southbound lanes. Unit 3 was traveling south on Interstate 255 and was unable to avoid striking Unit 1 head on. The driver of Unit 1 is deceased.

The driver of both Unit 2 and Unit 3 were transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All lanes of Interstate 255 southbound were closed for approximately 30 minutes. This crash is still under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

