

# ISP Probes Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash in Williamson County

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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY** - The Illinois State Police has issued a report about a two-vehicle fatal traffic crash on Illinois Route 148 in Williamson County.

***The Following Preliminary Information is Being Released by Illinois State Police District 13***

**WHAT:** Two-Vehicle Fatal Traffic Crash

**WHERE:** Illinois Route 148, just north of Flatts School Road, Williamson County

**WHEN:** July 7, 2021 at 10:58 p.m.

**VEHICLES:** Unit 1 – 2004 Blue Nissan Sentra

Unit 2 – 2021 Silver Toyota Sienna

**DRIVERS:** Unit 1 – A 73-year-old male from Metropolis, IL – Deceased (Identification pending next of kin notification)

Unit 2 – Ashley A. Baity, a 31-year-old female from Ozark, IL – Transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

**PASSENGER:** Unit 2 – A seven-year-old female from Ozark, IL - Transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

**PRELIMINARY:** Preliminary investigative details indicate the following occurred: Unit 1 was northbound on Illinois Route 148, just north of Flatts School Rd. For an unknown reason, Unit 1 drifted across the center line and into the southbound lanes as it was approaching Unit 2. Unit 1 struck Unit 2 head-on. Both occupants of Unit 2 were transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of Unit 1 was airlifted to an area hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. No further information will be disseminated at this time.

*All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*