



Bicyclist Killed in Hit-and-Run Crash

Safety Reminder Issued Following Several Pedestrian-Related Crashes

HAMMOND (March 10, 2026)- The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) is asking the public for assistance with a fatal hit-and-run crash investigation.

Just after midnight on Monday, March 9, the TPSO received reports of a crash on Old Covington Highway in the Hammond area involving a bicyclist. Unfortunately, the victim, identified as 32-year-old Shawn Paul Schech of Hammond, died from his injuries.

The vehicle that hit Schech did not stop and deputies are now asking the public to help locate the vehicle and identify the driver.

Detectives believe the vehicle was a maroon, recent model (2013-2015) Toyota Avalon. The vehicle was traveling eastbound in the same direction Schech was traveling on his silver bicycle. A picture of a similar vehicle and color is attached.

The TPSO is asking anyone with information about this incident and/or who witnessed the crash to contact TPSO's Traffic Division at 985-748-8147.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

Tips submitted directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

"This is the third time a pedestrian or bicyclist has been hit by a car in our parish since last Friday and, sadly, this one led to a loss of life," said Sheriff Gerald Sticker, "We need all motorists to remember to share the road with bicyclists by giving them at least 3 feet of space when passing. At the same time, bicyclists need to remember to follow all traffic signals and signs and always ride as far to the right as possible, in the same direction with traffic. And no matter the type of crash, everyone involved should always stop and report the incident to first responders."

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