



Bicyclist Killed in Hammond Hit-and-Run Crash

HAMMOND (April 2, 2026)- The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) is asking for the public's help with a fatal crash investigation.

Around 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, TPSO was notified of a crash on North Baptist Road and Sunset Acres involving a bicyclist. While the driver who initially hit the bicyclist stopped and reported the incident, a second vehicle traveling in the other direction hit the victim a second time, stopped for a moment, but then left the scene.

The victim was taken to an area hospital, but did not survive. He has been identified as 46-year-old Michael Ribando, Jr.

The second vehicle that hit Ribando is described as a light-colored sedan. The vehicle was traveling northbound on N Baptist at the time of the incident and turned right onto Wardline Road.

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.

"Last month, we had three crashes involving pedestrians and/or bicyclists, with one of them resulting in a loss of life. And last night, this tragedy was one of two within an hour's time. Fortunately, the victim in the other incident was okay. But we need everyone to be part of ending this recent trend," said Sheriff Gerald Sticker, "I'll repeat my safety reminder from March - motorists must remember to share the road with bicyclists/pedestrians 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. Pedestrians should be walking against traffic, facing what is coming their way. And no matter the type of crash, everyone involved should always stop and report the incident to first responders."

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