

## **Red Oak Police Department**

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## PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at around 6:36 PM, dispatchers at the Northern Ellis Emergency Dispatch center received a 9-1-1 call in reference to a major accident involving a single vehicle and a subject on a bicycle in the 500 block of N. IH-35E southbound service road. Red Oak Police Department and Red Oak Fire Rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene to investigate and assisted by the Ovilla Police Department. At around 6:45 PM, Red Oak Police personnel arrived on scene and started an investigation into the collision.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the bicycle identified as Unit #1 exited a private drive attempting to cross both lanes of traffic and failed to yield the right of way to Unit 2. Unit 2 was identified as a Gray 2012 Chevy pickup and was traveling southbound in the left lane of the 500 block of IH-35E service road. Unit 1 collided with Unit 2 within the left lane of traffic. The driver of Unit #1 was transported by AMR ambulance to Methodist Central Hospital in Dallas for his injuries.

On Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at around 5:24 AM, the Red Oak Police Department was notified that the driver of Unit 1 sustained life-ending injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital at approximately 2:53 AM. The decedent was identified as Lindsey, Dewey Wheatley (65 years old) of Glenn Heights, Texas. The driver of Unit #2 did not sustain any injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

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