



June 10, 2020

Driver arrested in deadly hit-and-run crash

A 29-year-old male has been arrested in fatality accident that resulted in the death of 16-year-old Burleson High School student

Burleson Police Department have made an arrest in a hit-and-run crash that resulted the death of a 16-year-old male Burleson High School student on Monday, June 8.

Eric Padilla, of Burleson, was arrested on June 10 on the charge of Accident Involving Death, a violation of Texas Transportation Code 550.021 and a Second Degree Felony.

The fatal accident occurred at approximately 9:23 p.m., June 8, in the 700-block of NW John Jones Drive at Tarpon Street. Preliminary reports indicate Mr. Padilla's car was traveling north on John Jones Drive. As he turned west onto Tarpon Street, his vehicle struck an Acura traveling southbound. Mr. Padilla then left the scene without stopping to render aid. Burleson Police stopped Padilla shortly after the accident and performed field sobriety tests. Mr. Padilla showed no signs of intoxication.

The driver of the Acura, an 18-year-old recent Burleson High School graduate, was transported to the hospital and later released. The 16-year-old passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Mr. Padilla was transported to Johnson County Jail and is awaiting arraignment. A bond has been set at \$250,000.

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