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Press Release

Arkansas City man struck fatally by vehicle Friday morning

Alcohol, speed were not factors in accident, which still is under investigation

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 2, 2015) — An Arkansas City man was struck by a vehicle early Friday morning in the 400 block of North Summit Street and later died from his injuries.

The accident, which was not related to the ongoing Arkalalah festivities, occurred about 6:50 a.m.

Mart Wiechman, 58, apparently stepped off the curb on the west side of the street and entered the roadway, where he was struck by a southbound 2001 Chevrolet in the outside lane, approximately 80 feet south of the intersection with Vine Avenue.

The vehicle was driven by Francisco Manuel-Ramirez, 42, of Arkansas City. Neither speed nor alcohol is thought to be a factor in the collision.

Officers responding to the scene found Wiechman conscious and alert, with what appeared to be only minor injuries. He was transported by the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department to South Central Kansas Medical Center. Wiechman later was transferred to a Wichita hospital for an internal head injury.

Wiechman passed away Saturday due to the cranial injury he had sustained. The accident remains under investigation at this time.

Anyone with information about this accident or who may have witnessed it is urged to call the Arkansas City Police Department at (620) 441-4444 or Cowley County Crime Stoppers at (620) 442-7777, or visit www.tipssubmit.com to make an anonymous report.

An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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