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Press Release - Major Accident

On Saturday July 6th at 10:12 AM the Mount Pleasant Police Department responded to a report of a major accident in the 2300 Block of South Jefferson Ave in front of the Wal-Mart gas station.

Officers investigating the accident determined that a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche truck driven by 28 year old Robert Viviano of Titus County was traveling southbound on South Jefferson. The truck driven by Viviano was in the left turn lane and turned in front of a motorcycle headed north on South Jefferson.

The northbound motorcycle was driven by 63 year old Mark Jones from Pittsburg and occupied by his wife, 59 year old passenger Pamela Jones. Investigators determined when the truck turned in front of the motorcycle; both the truck driver and motorcycle driver took evasive actions in attempt to avoid a collision.

The truck driver accelerated into the parking lot and the motorcyclist driver applied breaks. When the motorcyclist driver applied the brakes he lost control of the bike causing the bike to sway and fall to the ground. Neither of the motorcycle occupants was wearing helmets and both were thrown from the bike.

Neither Viviano nor two other occupants in the tuck were hurt. Both Mark and Pamela Jones were flown to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler with life threatening injuries.

Robert Viviano was issued a citation for Failure to Yield the Right of Way to oncoming traffic. Mount Pleasant Accident Reconstruction and Crime Scene Investigators responded and documented the accident which is still under investigation.