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For Immediate Release Life-Threatening Crash

Date: December 13, 2025

Location: Lake Ave and Reed Rd

Time: 8:42 a.m.

Details/Summary: The Fort Wayne Police Department is investigating a life-threatening vehicle crash that occurred on Lake Avenue just east of Reed Road.

At approximately 8:42 a.m., officers responded to a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a utility pole on Lake Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found a vehicle with significant damage and a utility pole that had been struck. The male driver was ejected from the vehicle as a result of the crash. He was the sole occupant and was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Preliminary information suggests the driver was traveling eastbound on Lake Avenue and used the center turn lane to pass vehicles stopped in traffic. After passing Reed Road and the stopped vehicles, the driver rapidly accelerated, lost control of the vehicle, and struck a utility pole located on the north side of Lake Avenue east of Reed Road.

The Fort Wayne Police Department Fatal Crash Team is investigating the incident. The Air Support Unit is assisting by documenting the scene from above.

Lake Avenue east of Reed Road will be closed while the investigation continues.

No additional information is available at this time.

Det. Gregory Addison

Public Information Officer

Fort Wayne Police Department

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