



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 05/18/2026

Location: Lafayette & McKinney

Time: 0450 am

Details/Summary:

On Monday May 18th 2026 at approximately 4:50 am dispatch received a call about a crash near Lafayette and McKinney. Witnesses stated a Silver Chrysler struck a Box truck, that the driver of the Chrysler was trapped in the vehicle and that the vehicle was on fire. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire but found the driver, an adult male, deceased. The driver of the box truck suffered minor injuries and is cooperating with the investigation.

Several witnesses stated the Chrysler and another vehicle were racing south on Clinton, when the Chrysler ran a red light at McKinney, crossed the center line and struck the Box Truck which was traveling Northbound n Lafayette. Speed is believed to be a factor in this crash.

Lafayette & Clinton between Rudisill and Petite will remain closed to traffic for several hours this morning while the Fort Wayne Fatal Crash Team (FACT) conducts an investigation.

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