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News Release

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Fatality Accident at Kearney and National

At 11:47 a.m. on Sunday, September 1, police were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of National and Kearney.

A '99 Pontiac Grand Prix was northbound, turning west onto Kearney from National, followed by a Mercy ambulance. A '96 Honda Accord driven by James Kelly Cheffey, 44, of Springfield, was traveling eastbound on Kearney near National and crossed the center lines, striking the Grand Prix nearly head-on. The ambulance also struck the Grand Prix, causing minimal damage. Cheffey was transported and declared deceased at a hospital. It has been determined that Cheffey died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Next of kin was notified.

The driver and four juvenile passengers of the Grand Prix were transported, treated and released from a hospital. The driver and passenger of the ambulance were not injured.

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