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Victims Identified in Double Fatality Wreck

Springfield Police have now identified both drivers from the fatality crash on Sunday, 9-11-11. Larry Keith Jones, age 61 of Springfield, was identified at the scene. Jacki Sue Greer King, age 42 of Springfield, was identified using fingerprints. Next of kin for both drivers have been notified.

The crash happened on a portion of Hwy EE between the traffic roundabout at Airport Blvd. and Farm Road 116. Although EE is an east/west highway this portion of the road curves and travels north and south at the point of the crash. Mr. Jones was driving the Dodge Dakota pickup and Ms. King was driving the Dodge Caravan. The pickup was facing south and the van was facing north at the point of the crash. After taking all the evidence into account police can now say that the van crossed the center lane into the pickup's path of travel. It appears the pickup saw the oncoming van and tried to avoid the crash by swerving to the right. The van then struck the pickup on the driver's side at a very shallow angle.

Results of the autopsy are still pending.

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