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TRAFFIC FATALITY
Case Number 2016-33862

At approximately 12:30 AM, officers were dispatched to a traffic crash with a vehicle on fire near southbound Business 85/W Green Dr. Upon their arrival, fire department personnel were working on extinguishing the fire at the bottom of a hill between the highway and Bethel Drive. The driver of the vehicle and sole occupant did not survive.

Tripp Justin Fields W/M/23 of Greensboro, was operating a 1996 Toyota Camry southwest on Business I-85 when he ran off the right side of the roadway. The vehicle went down a steep embankment, overturned, struck a concrete culvert, and the vehicle caught fire. Fire department personnel reported that the gas tank exploded as they were pulling up on the scene.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

This is the 10th traffic fatality in High Point for 2016.



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