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News Release

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Anyone with information regarding this incident(s) is asked to call Crime stoppers at 1-877-903-STOP. Citizens do not have to give their name nor testify and could receive up to \$1,000.

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Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that on Wednesday July 17, 2013 at approximately 6:05 a.m. ,a white 2007 Chevy Cobalt driven by Timothy S. Becnel of 1873 Highway 307, Thibodeaux, LA collided with a Sheriff's Office unit on LA 3127 in Hahnville.

According to witnesses, Becnel, the only occupant of the Chevy Cobalt, was traveling south on LA 3127 when he entered the left turn lane of LA Hwy 3127 in an attempt to make a left turn onto 3142 crossing the Northbound lanes of 3127 in the path of the Deputy's Unit. . Becnel entered into the lane of travel of the sheriff's department transport van causing the van to strike the center of the passenger's side of Becnel's vehicle. Becnel, who was wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries sustained in the collision. The sole occupant of the sheriff's office transport vehicle was transported to the St. Charles Hospital where he was treated and released. Occupants of both vehicles were wearing seat belts at the time of the collision.

Both St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police are actively investigating the crash. Alcohol is not suspected in the incident, however a toxicology test is pending.