



# Allen County Coroner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets  
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The Allen County Coroner's Office has identified, and made notifications to the next of kin of the two deceased individuals that were involved in a motor vehicle crash in the 4100 block of Vance Avenue, in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, at about 23:25 hours, Sunday, May 3, 2020. The Fort Wayne Police Department initiated a vehicle pursuit of a motor vehicle that was observed disregarding traffic control devices. Shortly after the pursuit was initiated, the suspect vehicle crashed.

Emergency personnel were summoned, and Fort Wayne Fire Department had to extricate both occupants. One occupant was pronounced deceased at the scene has been identified as Simone Ashley Dufor, female, black, 21 years of age, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Simone Ashley Dufor's Cause of Death is Multiple Blunt Force Injury due to Motor Vehicle Crash, and the Manner of Death is Accident. Simone Ashley Dufor is the 5<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2020.

The second occupant was transported by medics to a local hospital where death was pronounced and has been identified as Juwan Latrell Benson, male, black, 20 years of age, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Juwan Latrell Benson's Cause of Death is Multiple Blunt Force Injury due to Motor Vehicle Crash, and the Manner of Death is Accident. Juwan Latrell Benson is the 6<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2020.

The incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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