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The autopsy has been completed and notification has been made to the next of kin, of the male victim that was involved in the motor vehicle crash located at Vance Avenue & Coliseum Boulevard, in Fort Wayne, this morning at approximately 04:12 hours. The Fort Wayne Police Department was investigating a domestic disturbance involving a violation of a protection order when the suspect's blacked-out vehicle was seen near the protected person's home. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop and the suspect vehicle fled before crashing. The operator of the suspect vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene by Three Rivers Ambulance Authority. The decedent has been identified as Joshua Michael Kirchhoff, male, white, 29 years of age, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Cause of Death has been determined to be Multiple Blunt Force Injuries Due to Motor Vehicle Crash and the Manner of Death is Accident.

This is the 18th 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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