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On June 15, 2021, the Allen County Coroner's Office was contacted by a local hospital and advised of the death of Montgomery Joseph Simmons a male, white, 22 Week 4 Day Gestation, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Montgomery Joseph Simmons was stillborn after his mother was involved in a motor vehicle crash on June 14, 2021, at the intersection of North Clinton Street and Auburn Road, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Montgomery's mother was traveling southbound on North Clinton Street when another vehicle turned left in front of her causing a collision.

Montgomery Joseph Simmons Cause of Death has been determined to be placental abruption Due To Motor Vehicle Crash and the Manner is Accident.

Montgomery Joseph Simmons is the 18th traffic fatality for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2021.

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

The Allen County Coroner's Office has completed the autopsy, and made notifications to the next of kin of the deceased individual that was involved in a motor vehicle crash in 4500 block of South Calhoun Street, in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, at about 10:12 hours, June 17, 2021. She has been identified as Dawn D. Slayton, female, black, age 61, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dawn D. Slayton was an unrestrained, front, seat, passenger in a motor vehicle, traveling southbound when a northbound motor vehicle drove left of center causing a head-on collision. Dawn D. Slayton was pronounced deceased at the scene by Three Rivers Ambulance Authority.

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Dawn D. Slayton's Cause of Death is due Multiple Blunt Force Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Crash and the Manner of Death is Accident.

Dawn D. Slayton is the 19th traffic fatality for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2021.

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

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