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TWO KILLED IN SATURDAY NIGHT CRASH

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (5/11/15) – Two people were killed Saturday night in a two-vehicle crash in Temple Terrace, police said.

The deceased were identified as Desiree Gillegly, age 7, of 3204 E. Lambright St., Tampa; and Jeffrey Lamar Wade, age 49, of 3413 N. Cord St., Tampa.

On Saturday, May 9 at 9:12 p.m. Temple Terrace police responded to a vehicle crash at N. 56th Street and Riverhills Drive. A preliminary investigation indicates a 1994 Chevrolet C1500 truck driven by Wade was traveling southbound on 56th Street when it struck a 2002 Nissan Maxima that was turning west onto Riverhills Drive from northbound 56th Street.

The driver of the Maxima was identified as Lakena L. James, who had four children in the car. One of the children (Gillegly) was unconscious at the scene and was transported to Florida Hospital, where she later died. Wade was ejected from his truck during the crash and died at the scene, police said.

Wade was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision, which likely contributed to his death, police said. Alcohol may have been a factor in the crash, police said, and investigators are awaiting a toxicology report.

Police are urging motorists to wear their seat belts at all times, and local law enforcement agencies are conducting a special “Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement effort starting May 18.

No charges have been filed in Saturday night’s crash, pending further investigation.