

Runaway Bay man killed in crash

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FATAL WRECK – Two Wise County residents were involved in a two-vehicle wreck in Azle last Sunday. Photo courtesy Carla Noah Stutsman, Azle News

A Runaway Bay man died Monday from injuries he suffered in an accident in the 11500 block of Farm Road 730 North in Azle last Sunday.

Samuel Smith, 31, died at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, where he was being treated for his injuries, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

Azle Police Department detective Sgt. Kevin Rogers said Smith, on a motorcycle, was northbound on FM 730 North when a southbound black Chevrolet Silverado pickup made a left turn in front of him about 1:39 p.m. The motorcycle hit the passenger side of the pickup.

Ronald Holmes, 77, of Boyd, the driver of the pickup, told police he was attempting to turn into the parking lot of the Dollar General store and said he never saw Smith's motorcycle.

Smith was transported by CareFlite air ambulance to JPS; Holmes was taken by ground ambulance to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Officers continued to investigate the accident Tuesday, shutting down traffic in the 11500 block of FM 730 North for a time. "We are still looking into the cause of this accident," Rogers said. "Whether an improper left turn or excessive speed were factors, we still just don't know." The medical examiner has ruled the death an accident.