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## UNT coach dies in wreck

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One of the University of North Texas' top basketball assistants died in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 380 east of

Decatur early Friday morning. Nelson Haggerty, 47, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash near the Imperial Group. UNT confirmed Haggerty's death Friday.

"Our hearts hurt for Nelson's family, our men's basketball family, the UNT community and everyone Nelson positively impacted during his life and career," said UNT Vice President and Director of Athletics

Wren Baker in a press release. "Nelson had many special gifts and talents. He was full of positive energy and encouragement, and he will be missed dearly. Please keep the Haggerty family and our UNT bas-

ketball family in your thoughts and prayers." Haggerty joined the UNT coaching staff in 2019, after spending eight seasons as the Midwestern State basketball coach. **See Wreck on page 3A**