

Gibson County Sheriff's Office

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From: Gibson County Sheriff's Office

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RE: Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

On today's date at approximately 10:15am, Deputy Brad Garnett was dispatched to County Road 100 N, west of County Road 400 W in rural Princeton in reference to an abandoned vehicle in a ditch. Upon arrival, Deputy Garnett observed an older white Cadillac in a ditch off County Road 100 N. Deputy Garnett noticed the engine was running, but the driver's seat was unoccupied. Upon further investigation, Deputy Garnett noticed a person laying face down in the front seat passenger floorboard of the vehicle. Deputy Garnett immediately requested assistance and began trying to make entry to the vehicle, which had the engine running and doors locked. Deputy Garnett was able to break the driver's side window to unlock the door. Deputy Garnett was then able to reach the person from the passenger side door of the vehicle. Moments later, Captain Tim Bottoms (Gibson County Sheriff's Office) and Trooper Matt Jacobs (Indiana State Police) arrived on-scene and assisted Deputy Garnett in extricating the person from the vehicle, as Princeton Fire and Gibson Co EMS were arriving on-scene. The person, now identified as Flora J Jackson (82 yoa of rural Princeton) had a laceration to the head, was not breathing, and did not have a pulse. Emergency responders immediately began CPR and transferred Jackson by ambulance to Gibson General Hospital from the scene. Gibson County Coroner Barrett Doyle pronounced Jackson dead at Gibson General Hospital. Flora J Jackson's family has been notified by the coroner's office.

Deceased: Flora J Jackson (82 years of age) of rural Princeton

Accident report was not available at the time of this news release and will be available once investigation is complete by the sheriff's office and the coroner's office. An autopsy is scheduled for Monday at the Vanderburgh County Morgue and toxicology results are pending.

Investigating Officer: Deputy Brad Garnett of the Gibson County Sheriff's Office

Assisted by: Captain Tim Bottoms and D/Sgt. Chuck Finnerty of the Gibson County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Matt Jacobs of the Indiana State Police. Coroner Barrett Doyle of the Gibson County Coroner's Office.

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