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Bloomington Police Department & McLean County Coroner's Office

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Fatal Traffic Crash

Bloomington, IL - On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., Bloomington police officers responded to a single-vehicle traffic crash involving a truck near the intersection of Center Street and Oakland Avenue. The Bloomington Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers located the crash and began their investigation. The driver, an adult male, was found unconscious inside the vehicle. Paramedics provided medical care and transported him to a local hospital. An adult male passenger was also transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Due to the severity of the crash, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team was called to assist with the investigation. Preliminary information indicates the vehicle veered off the roadway and struck a tree.

The driver was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

McLean County Coroner Dr. Kathleen Yoder is releasing the following information regarding the single-vehicle crash and fatality, which occurred in the area of Center Street and Oakland Avenue in Bloomington on July 9, 2025.

Pronounced deceased at 12:15 p.m. in Carle BroMenn Medical Center Emergency Department was Richard A. Thoennes, age 66, of Bloomington, Illinois. Preliminary autopsy opinion indicates that Mr. Thoennes died from ischemic and hypertensive cardiovascular diseases, that likely caused a sudden fatal cardiac arrhythmia while driving. Toxicology testing is pending.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "On behalf of the men and women of the Bloomington Police Department, we send our sympathies to the family of the decedent."

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The incident remains under investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the McLean County Accident Reconstruction Team, and the McLean County Coroner's Office. Anyone with information should contact the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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