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A 58-year-old Arlington man was pronounced dead at a local hospital following a two-vehicle crash on I-35W in Burleson Wednesday night.

VICTIM: James Murle Noel Jr.

TIME/DATE OF THE CRASH: Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:44 p.m. PLACE: 3400 block of I-35W South, just south of the FM 917 exit

According to the crash report, Noel Jr. was driving north on I-35W in a blue Honda Element. He was behind a silver Kia Soul driven by a 20-year-old Fort Worth woman.

There was a work convoy in the area and traffic was slowing down. When the driver of the Kia Soul slowed down to avoid traffic ahead of her, the Honda Element struck the rear of the Kia Soul. The impact sent the Element into the center median of I-35W where it struck the center cable barrier and rolled several times. Noel Jr. was ejected from the Honda.

CPR was performed on Noel Jr. at the scene of the crash. He was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital where the Tarrant County Medical Examiner website showed that he was pronounced dead at 8:42 p.m.

The northbound side of I-35W, as well as one southbound lane, were closed to traffic for at least six hours so that Burleson officers could complete the investigation.