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Detectives Make Arrest In Fatality Crash

On April 15, 2011, at about 10pm, a Deputy observed a Toyota Van either racing or chasing another vehicle on Manchaca Road. He was checking the license plates when the van turned into an apartment complex on Old Manchaca Road. When he caught up to the van it was unoccupied. Further checks showed that the registered owner may have two felony warrants.

At 10:16pm the deputy saw the van exit the complex without it’s headlights on and it ran the stop sign at Old Manchaca and Manchaca Road. He attempted to stop the vehicle in the 9500 Block of Manchaca Road; it slowed and then suddenly accelerated. At 10:17pm the van swerved to miss a vehicle in the intersection at Dittmar, lost control, ran into a Bus Stop and into several feet of privacy fence before coming to a stop in the backyard of a residence in the 8500 Block of Streamline Circle.

When the deputy caught up to the vehicle he found a man unresponsive outside the van and the van empty. He called for EMS and the man was pronounced deceased at 10:28pm. Austin Police and Texas DPS responded to assist with the investigation as well.

The deceased person was identified as,

Rondal Lynn Brooks, Date of Birth 5-16-1970,
of Austin. Detectives later found that he had been at the bus stop when the crash occurred and that the driver of the van had fled the scene.

The driver of the van was,

Charles Wesley Roberts Jr., Date of Birth 1-10-1988,
of Austin. Detectives located Mr. Roberts and on April 17, 2011, charged him with Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, Causing Death, which is a 2nd Degree Felony. His Bond is set at $300,000.00.

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