

Crash kills one

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A driver killed in a one-vehicle crash Saturday drove in the wrong lane on South Maple Street before his car overturned, according to a news release.

At about 11:30 p.m., Ruston police found Uchenna Vincent Ezike's 2001 Kia off South Maple Street just south of Barnett Springs Avenue. Officers discovered Ezike trapped inside with serious injuries.

A preliminary police investigation revealed Ezike was headed north on South Maple

Street and was traveling, for unknown reasons, in the wrong lane. Ezike swerved left to avoid a southbound vehicle, according to police, when he left the road, drove into a ditch and struck a tree. The investigation showed he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the impact.

He was airlifted to Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. The news release stated the investigation is ongoing and toxicology results will be released once available.