

Pedestrian hit by rig dies

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A Texas resident is dead after getting hit by an 18-wheeler this morning on Interstate 20 in Lincoln Parish, according to officials.

Lt. Curtis Hawkins, Ruston Police Department public information officer, said today at approximately 5:26 a.m., Ruston police responded to a pedestrian-vehicle accident on

I-20, just east of La. 33/Farmer-ville Highway exit.

A preliminary investigation found that Anthony Wayne Sumrall, 27, of College Station, Texas, had run out of gas and was parked on the side of I-20. Sumrall was putting gas in his 1984 Ford pickup truck when he was struck by a Fed-Ex 18-wheeler headed eastbound.

Sumrall was transported by the Ruston Ambulance Service

to the North Louisiana Medical Center emergency room, where he was pronounced dead.

Driver Troy Bingham, 31, of Jackson, Miss., said he was unable to change lanes or move over due to other traffic in the left lane.

Hawkins said no citation was issued, and alcohol use is not suspected at this time. The accident is still under investigation by RPD.