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On Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was responding to a motor vehicle accident with injuries around 4:00 P.M. While responding this this accident with emergency lights and sirens activated, Reserve Deputy James Driver was involved in a separate accident on West State Road 45 and West Eller Road in Monroe County. Deputy Driver was transported to IU Health Bloomington Hospital where he died from the injuries he sustained in the accident. The Indiana State Police is investigating the crash. All inquired pertaining to the accident need to go through them.

Deputy James Driver is originally from the United Kingdom and resided in Spencer, Indiana. He was sworn into the Monroe County Indiana Sheriff's Office Reserve Division in June of 2018 and was a graduate of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Reserve Academy. Deputy Driver leaves behind a wife, Anna Driver, one daughter and two step children.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office will not be responding to any inquiries on this tragic event until after 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.