

Suspect arrested in possible racing fatality accident

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Suspect Arrested in Fatal Traffic Accident at 15500 Eastex Freeway

Charges are pending against a suspect arrested in a fatal traffic accident in the 15500 block of the Eastex Freeway just north of Beltway 8 Wednesday morning, Sept. 14.

Jesus Alberto Acosta, 20, faces a charge of criminally negligent homicide. He is accused in the death of a so far unidentified 40-year-old male victim who was pronounced dead at LBJ Hospital following the crash. The victim's identity is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. Jesus Alberto Acosta, 20, faces a charge of criminally negligent homicide. He is accused in the death of a so far unidentified 40-year-old male victim who was pronounced dead at LBJ Hospital following the crash. The victim's identity is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to Houston Police Department Vehicular Crimes Division Sgt. G. Hall and Sr. Police Officer A. Taylor, Acosta was driving a gray Infiniti G35 northbound on the Eastex Freeway around 8:15 a.m. Sept. 14, along with the drivers of a silver Nissan pickup truck, a red Ford pickup truck, a red Honda motorcycle (operated by the victim) and a black Chevrolet pickup truck (or SUV).

Police officials say witnesses reported it appeared the Infiniti, the Chevrolet and possibly the motorcycle were racing when Acosta's Infiniti struck the Nissan in the left lane. The Infiniti then swerved to the right, struck the Ford and then went onto the shoulder and hit a small tree. The victim then struck the Ford before losing control and sliding sideways on his motorcycle across the freeway. The victim was transported to the hospital. The driver of the Chevrolet fled the scene. There were no other injuries involved in the accident.

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information on the driver who fled in the black Chevrolet truck is urged to contact the HPD Vehicular Crimes Division at 713-247-4072.