

Joyce and Reyes Auto Accident Attorney Remarks on Crash That Killed Florida High School Senior

A local high school student died after being struck while sitting in his parked car.

TAMPA, FL, US, December 12, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A senior at Steinbrenner High School in Lutz, Fla., was sitting in his parked SUV in the early morning hours of a recent Saturday when another car slammed into his vehicle on a dead-end road. He was with his girlfriend.

"Too many young lives are claimed on our nation's roads each day," said Tampa auto accident attorney Robert Joyce. "Families' lives are shattered each time this happens."

The student died the next day at Tampa's St. Joseph's Hospital, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. His girlfriend was in serious condition at the same hospital the day of the accident. They had just attended a concert by country music star Keith Urban at the Florida State Fairgrounds that Friday night.

Florida Highway Patrol said the driver, 23-year-old Matthew J. West, fled the scene, but turned himself in to authorities at Pasco County Jail later that day. No charges had been filed, but the crash remained under investigation.

"Several factors contribute to the statistical unlikelihood that a crash like this would be fatal," Joyce added. "First, the victim's car was parked. Second, it was a dead-end road, where cars would not be expected to travel at high rates of speed. And third, the victim was in an SUV, which, due to its higher weight, protects its occupants better than a smaller vehicle does. The fact that this young man was killed despite all these factors makes the accident all the more tragic and difficult to accept."

More than 100 students, parents, and friends gathered at Steinbrenner High School's stadium Sunday night to honor the student. They told reporters he was a competitive wrestler with a good sense of humor who volunteered to feed the homeless on Tuesday nights at Grace Family Church.

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