Wrong-way driver arrested in Texas for deadly crash in Greenwood

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A Marshall man has been arrested on Friday after causing a fiery crash that killed a driver and injured two others on U.S. Highway 80 late in May, Sheriff Steve Prator said.

Just before noon on May 27, Caddo Parish Sheriff's deputies and investigators responded to a crash on Highway 80 in Greenwood. Upon arrival they found two vehicles on fire, and a third destroyed. A crime scene investigator determined that a gray pickup truck, driven by 40-year-old Stephen Stasny, was traveling eastbound on Highway 80 when it crossed over onto oncoming traffic, hitting another pickup truck head-on. Then, a third vehicle crashed into the back of the second pickup truck. Stasny's pickup ended up on the side of the road, while the other two vehicles went up in flames.

The driver of the second pickup, identified by the Caddo coroner as 56-year-old James Dowden, died at the scene while Stasny and the occupants of the third pickup were transported to the hospital.

The results of a toxicology test indicated Stasny was under the influence of controlled substances. He was arrested in Marshall, Texas after his release from the hospital. He was booked into the Caddo Correctional Center on Friday, August 12 and charged with vehicular homicide and first degree vehicular negligent injuring. His bond was set at a total of $350,000.