Driver of 18-wheeler cited for fatal crash

Thursday, June 21, 2012
The driver of an 18-wheeler that caused a fatal crash on Hwy. 79 on Tuesday has been cited by the Caddo Parish Sheriffâ€™s Office.

Larry D. Gatson II, 25, of Shreveport, was issued citations for reckless operation and following too closely. The citations were issued by traffic safety investigator Cpl. Mike Vaitkus.

Gatsonâ€™s vehicle was northbound on Hwy. 79 when he hit the back end of an 18-wheeler traveling in front of him then crossed over the center line and hit an oncoming, southbound 18-wheeler. The driver of the southbound vehicle, Jim Harville, 56, of Waskom, Texas, died in the crash.

Gatson was driving a truck for Frac Tech International Services at the time of the accident.