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Speed, Alcohol Use Cause Deadly Traffic Crash

Sheriff's Deputies believe impaired and reckless driving led to a deadly one-vehicle traffic crash early this morning in southeast Shelby County.

Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigators say just after midnight, a 1992 Chevy pickup truck driven by Eduardo Flores, 28, of Memphis, was going south on Crumpler Road when the truck veered off the right side of the street and hit a tree just north of Holmes Road.

Although many streets are still covered with snow and ice, Crumpler was clear and Deputies say Flores was speeding.

Both Flores and a passenger were trapped in the vehicle and not wearing seat belts. The passenger, a man who has not been identified, was dead at the scene.

Flores was taken by helicopter to the Regional Medical Center in critical condition. Deputies say Flores smelled of alcohol at the crash scene. Traffic crash investigators were also told Flores had been drinking before the crash.

Flores will be charged with Vehicular Homicide, DUI (Driving Under the Influence), Reckless Driving and Driving Without a License.

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