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## **Traffic Crash Update**

**Osage Beach, MO** – On 01/24/2024 at 4:10 pm Osage Beach Police were dispatched to the area of eastbound Highway 54 on the Grand Glaize Bridge for a traffic crash involving a pedestrian.

The crash occurred as a 2018 GMC Acadia Driven by Austin J. McFall, 28 of Camdenton, MO, was stopped on the Grand Glaize Bridge to pick up a pedestrian identified as Zachariah S. Breeden, 30 of Rocky Mount, MO, as the GMC was stopped to pick Breeden up, another vehicle a 2008 Hyundai Sorento driven by Emma A. Gretlein, 24 of Osage Beach, MO realized the GMC was stopped, she was unable to avoid the vehicle and in doing so struck the vehicle and Breeden as he was attempting to get in the vehicle.

The GMC was stopped in the far-right lane with their hazard lights activated. Breeden was attempting to get into the driver's side rear seat of the vehicle. As he was getting into the vehicle, the Kia Sorento attempted to avoid hitting the GMC by swerving to the left. As it did, it collided with the driver side of the GMC and Breeden.

Breeden was pronounced deceased on scene by Crystal Loyd with the Camden County Medical Examiner's Office.

Austin McFall, and a passenger identified as Nicole R. McFall, 30 of Camdenton, MO and three minors who were in the GMC were checked on scene by ambulance personnel and refused transport.

The driver of the Sorento, Greitlin was checked on scene by ambulance personnel and refused transport.

The Osage Beach Police Department was assisted by the Osage Beach Ambulance, Osage Beach Fire Protection District, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Lake Ozark Fire Protection District, Mercy Ambulance, and the Camden County Sheriff's Department.

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