Crash Analysis Studio

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Today's Panelists

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Crash Information

- Hayden Paul Ducommun (32 years old) fatally struck by a 2005 Mercury Montego on the 2700th block of S. Osage Street.
- Crash occurred at 8:03pm on January 21, 2023
 - Crash Report list Ducommun's time of death as 8:11pm; investigation report states 8:08pm
 - Ducommun was not at an intersection or in a crosswalk.
- Crash report indicates there was cloudy weather and dark but lighted - conditions on a dry, straight, two-way undivided roadway

Crash Information

- Eduardo Valdez documented S. Osage Street speed limit is posted at 40mph while the SE 27th Avenue speed limit is posted at 35mph and 28th Street is posted at 30mph
- Motorist was traveling in the outer southbound lane on S. Osage Street
- According to the investigation report, Ducommun was on the street, nearby 2706 S. Osage when the collision occurred
 - Conflicting information from crash report states collision occurred at 2800 block of S. Osage Street & that it happened 75 feet N of SE 27th Avenue (2 different places)
- Crash report, investigation report, and media indicate the motorist was 71 years old and was not issued a citation

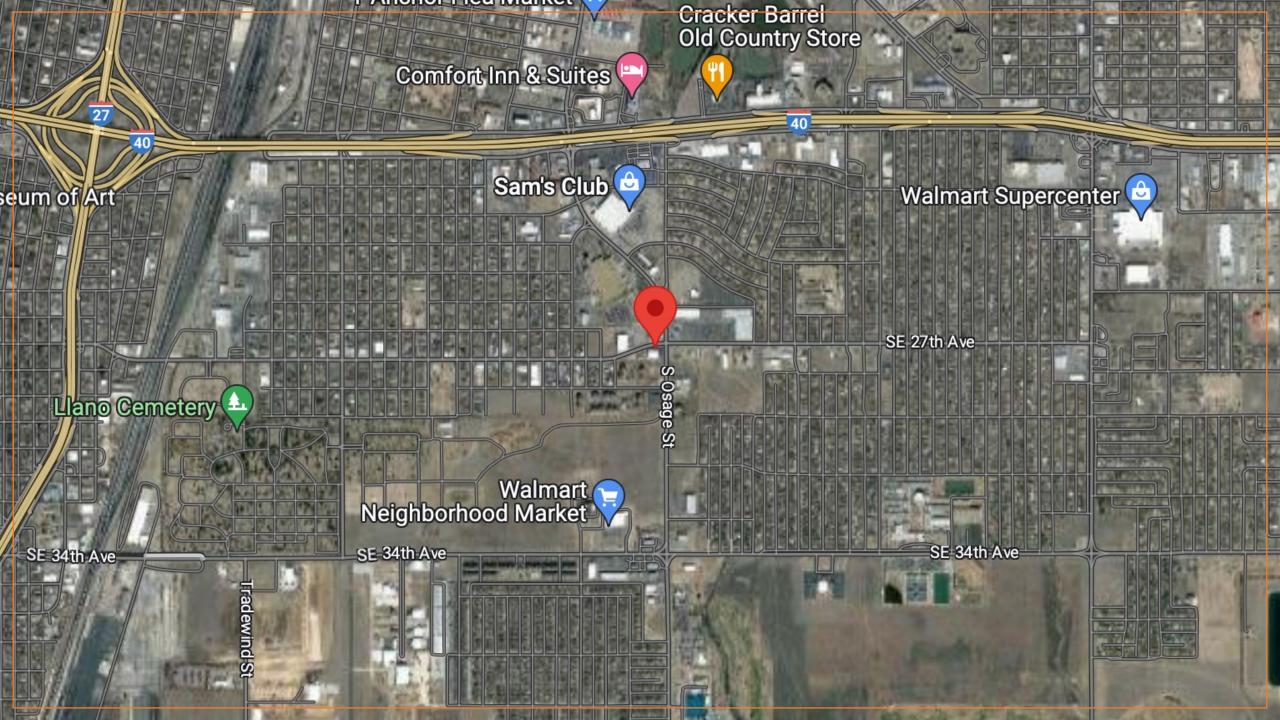


Crash Details

- No witness or driver's statement included in the crash report; four witnesses with statements are listed in the investigation report
- We understand that Ducommun lives in the adjacent Glenwood Apartments and was at the small strip shopping center prior to the crash
- Crash report includes "had been drinking" as a contributing factor; investigation report states an open White Claw container was found near Ducommun's body
- Crash report indicates no alcohol or drug specimen were collected from Ducommun or the motorist; investigation report includes testimonies Ducommun had consumed multiple alcoholic beverages

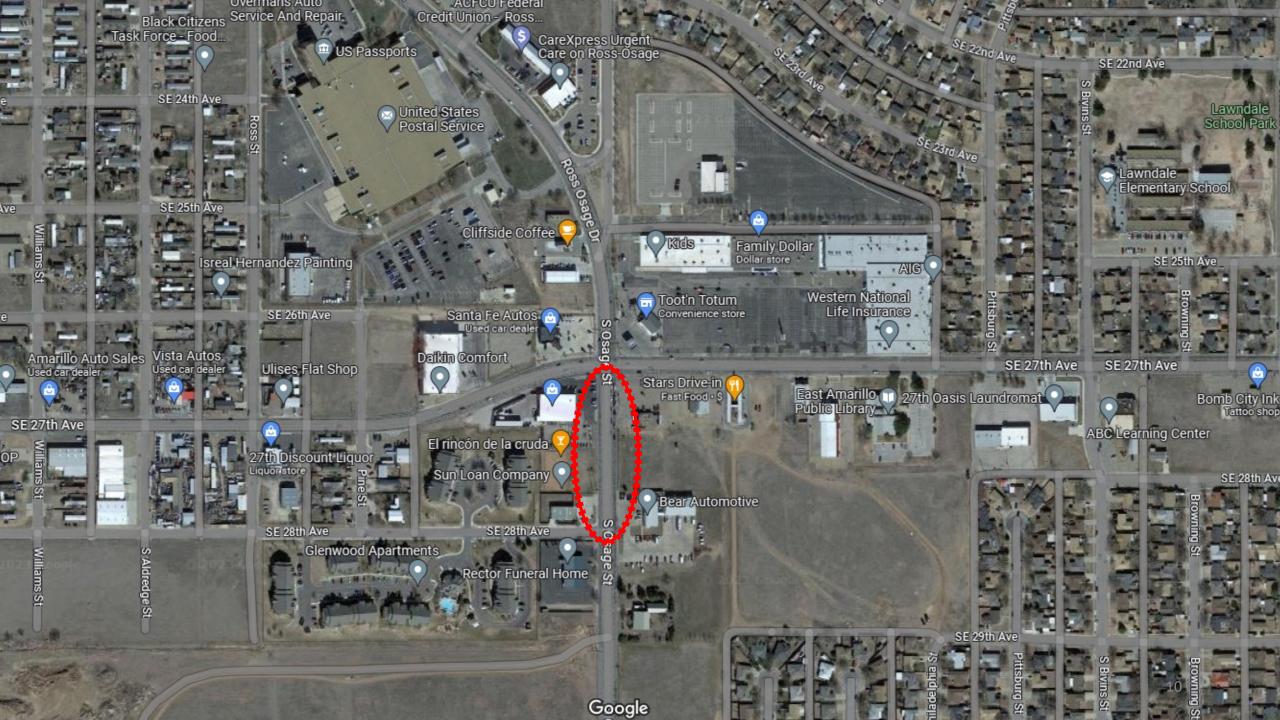
Overall Site Conditions

- S. Osage is an arterial street near two major highways (intersects with 40 & is nearby 27)
- SE 27th is an east/west collector street
- This segment of S. Osage Street has a 40MPH speed limit; SE 27th Avenue has a 35 MPH speed limit
- Osage Street, Northbound & Southbound consist of 5 lanes; 4 for through traffic and a continuous center turn lane
 - Sidewalks are disconnected and missing along Osage Street
 - Cobra Head style streetlights are sporadically located along Osage Street



Overall Site Conditions

- Auto-oriented Sub-Urban development pattern
- S Osage St is fronted by large footprint auto-oriented commercial development and Industrial uses
 - Multiple curb cuts and parking fronting the street
- The regular street grid and rear alleys of the city are interrupted at SE 27th
 Ave and Osage St to accommodate large footprint development
- Suburban residential uses located behind commercial
 - Limited access and lack of connectivity
- Vast amount of undeveloped land











S. Osage Street (S of SE 27th Ave) 121/2" 12' 11½′ 12' Made with Streetmix Drive lane Drive lane Turn lane Drive lane Drive lane



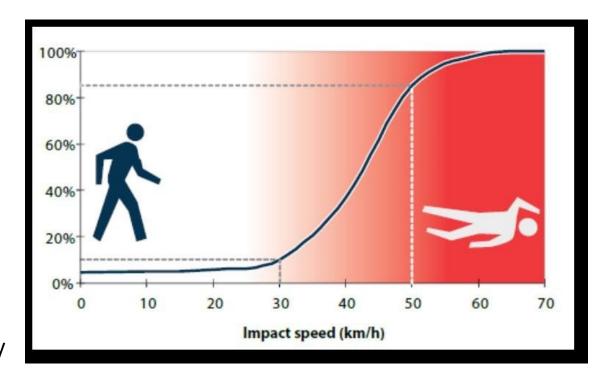


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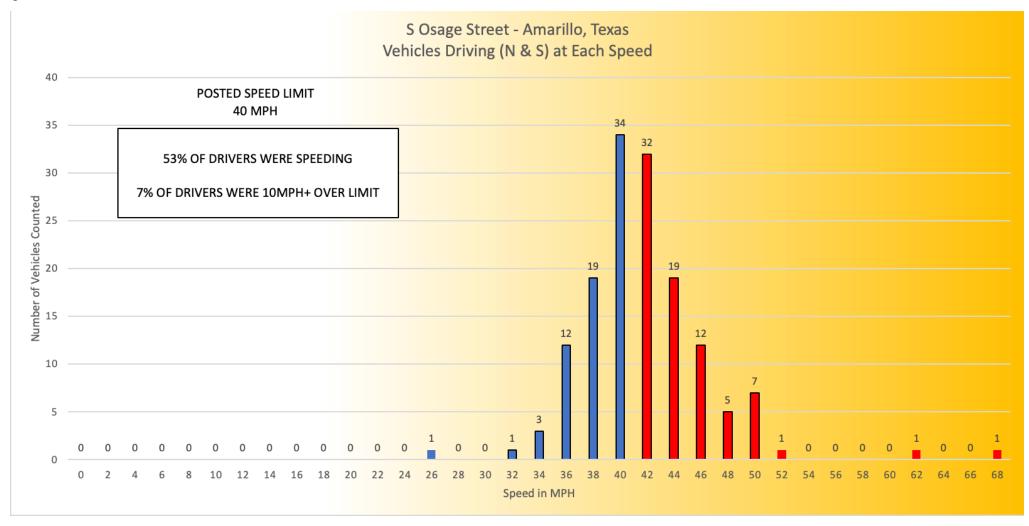
 Preliminary Speed Study indicates significant number of automobiles traveling at fatal speeds

The effects of higher speed limits on traffic fatalities in the United States, 1993–2017.

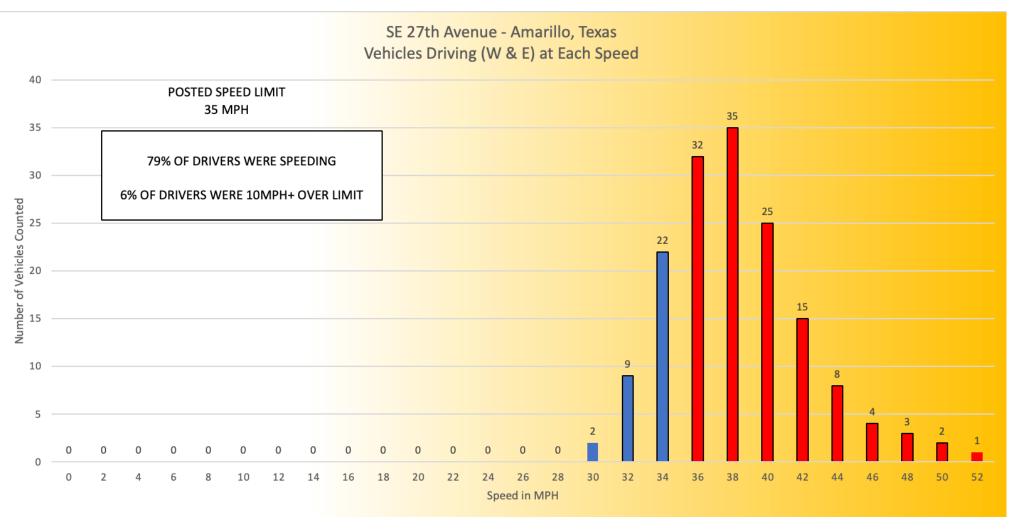
-Insurance Institute for Highway Safety



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