DeSoto County Sheriff's Office

Traffic Homicide / Crash Investigation Unit · Arcadia, FL

Florida Traffic Crash Report (DEMO)

Report number	DCSO-2026-DEMO-04417
Reporting officer	Dep. K. Peace #DEMO-118, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office
Date / time of crash	2026-05-12 at 07:48
Location	SR-70 at CR-661, near Arcadia, DeSoto County, FL
Conditions	Clear · dry pavement · daylight

Parties

Driver 1 (Claimant)	Julian Marsh · DOB 1985-09-14 · (863) 555-0148
	512 Magnolia St, Arcadia, FL 34266
Vehicle 1	2021 Honda CR-V (black) · Tag FL-DMO-6642 · VIN 5J6RW2H5XML0DEMO1
Vehicle 1 damage	SEVERE front-end damage — hood, bumper and left headlight crushed; front wheel/suspension displaced; airbags deployed. Towed from scene.
Driver 2 (At-fault)	Darlene Pruitt · (863) 555-0193
	1180 Hickory Ave, Wauchula, FL 33873
Vehicle 2	2018 Ram 1500 (silver) · Tag FL-DMO-3391
Witness	Marcus Villand · (863) 555-0121

Narrative

Unit 1 (Marsh) was traveling northbound on SR-70. Unit 2 (Pruitt), southbound, drifted across the center line while reaching for a phone and struck Unit 1 at the left front. Unit 1 sustained severe front-end damage and its airbags deployed; the driver was transported by DeSoto County EMS with head, chest and knee complaints. An independent witness corroborated that Unit 2 crossed the center line.

Contributing factors / citation

Driver 2 crossed the center line and failed to maintain a single lane. Citation issued to Driver 2 under Fla. Stat. 316.089 (failure to drive within a single lane) and Fla. Stat. 316.1925 (careless driving). No citation to Driver 1.