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K-9 KILLED, HANDLER INJURED IN CRASH

BRPD Police K-9 “PHILOS” died this morning of injuries suffered in a traffic crash. His handler, LT. ROBERT “BOBBY” GLASER, 50, suffered moderate injuries. The crash occurred at about 1:35am in the 500 block of Government Street at St. Charles.

Glaser was driving westbound on Government Street when he was broadsided by a southbound 2006 Lincoln pickup truck that had been driving the wrong way on St. Charles. The impact completely rolled Glaser’s Dodge Charger patrol car, which eventually landed upright on its wheels.

Glaser was removed from the vehicle by rescuers and taken to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center with moderate injuries. He is expected to recover. Glaser was shot in the line of duty in February of this year and had just returned to work in late June.

Philos, an 8-year old German Shepherd, was taken to a local veterinary hospital where he later died of his injuries.

The driver of the Lincoln was also taken to Our Lady of the Lake with minor-moderate injuries. He is identified as JESSE ISIAH FARRIS, 22, 10061 MOSS LEA DRIVE. Upon his release from OLOL he was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, charged with DWI, 1st Degree Vehicular Negligent Injuring, Reckless Operation, Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way Street and Driving Under Suspension.

Philos becomes the first BRPD police K-9 to die in the line of duty in over 20 years. In 1988 K-9 “BRUTE” died after being bitten by a brown recluse spider while tracking a robbery suspect. K-9 “MAX” was also shot to death in 1985 while chasing a car thief.

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