

Date: November 6, 2009

Event: Fatal Car Accident | Georgia Fatal Accident Lawyer

Location: Jefferson County, Georgia

On Friday, November 6, 2009, a fatal car accident occurred near Louisville, Georgia. According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Miller Lee Smith, Jr., thirty three years of age, was arrested and charged with vehicular homicide and many other charges after he wrecked his vehicle while fleeing from police. The fatal auto accident took the life of his two year old daughter and injured his three year old son. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was attempting to make a traffic stop for Mr. Smith driving recklessly but instead of stopping he fled the scene. Mr. Smith's vehicle was found overturned in the woods about five miles outside of Louisville, Georgia on Middleground Road.

When the police officers arrived on the scene, an adult male passenger beside the vehicle noted to the police that Mr. Smith had ran from the scene of the accident and two children were in the vehicle. The officers found a two year old girl on the ground beside the vehicle and a three year old boy about forty feet from the vehicle on the ground. The officers performed first aid on the two minor children until emergency personnel were on the scene. The two year old girl died at the scene of the accident. The three year old boy was lifeflighted to Medical College of Georgia Hospital for broken bones and a possible concussion.

Mr. Smith was later apprehended less than a mile away from the accident scene in a wooded area. Both Mr. Smith and his adult male passenger were transported to Jefferson Hospital in Louisville, Georgia for injuries sustained in the accident. The adult male passenger was released from the hospital and free of charge.

Mr. Smith is residing at the Jefferson County Jail awaiting a bond hearing for several charges including, one count of vehicular homicide, 1 count of serious injury by vehicle, 1 count of hit and run, 1 count of reckless driving, 2 counts of obstruction of an officer, 2 counts of DUI/Child Endangerment, 1 count of DUI, 2 counts of child restraint violation, 1 count of fleeing and attempting to elude police officers, 1 count of failure to maintain lane and 1 count of driving while unlicensed. Also, Mr. Smith has an outstanding warrant in Richmond County, Georgia, for a bench warrant for not appearing in court in 2008.

Murphy & Associates handles fatal car accident and wrongful death cases in surrounding areas of Georgia, and we express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims. If you have lost a loved one, and have questions with regards to negligence, please contact our firm at (770) 577-3020. We offer of a free consultation with no obligation.