

Winnsboro man killed in wreck

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WINNSBORO — A Winnsboro man was killed around 8 p.m. Sunday after his vehicle ran off the road and struck a tree on S.C. 200.

Fairfield County Coroner Barkely Ramsey identified the victim as Marhloh Cook, 32, of 113 Railroad Ave.

S.C. Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Gary Miller reported that Cook's 1996 Oldsmobile was traveling west when it veered off the left side of the roadway and struck several trees .6 miles east of Winnsboro near the 1000 block of S.C. 200.

According to the SCHP, there were no other vehicles involved in the wreck and there were no other passengers in the vehicle.

It took emergency crews nearly an hour to extract Cook from the wreckage. Crews had to remove the roof and door to the vehicle. Ramsey stated the Cook was wearing his seatbelt, but was pronounced dead on the scene.

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A 32-year-old Winnsboro man died after he ran off S.C. 200 and struck these trees Sunday night. The S.C. Highway Patrol is investigating the wreck.

trees and died as a result of the accident," Ramsey explained.

Speed and alcohol are believed to have been a factor in the accident, Ramsey said, adding that beer cans were found in the car. The official results of the blood toxicology report were unavailable at press time.

Ramsey said the posted speed limit at the location of the wreck is 45 mph, but there is no indica-

tion Cook attempted to slow his vehicle before crashing.

"There were no skidmarks, so it appears as if he never put on brakes," Ramsey said.

A resident near the crash site told The Herald Independent that she heard a loud thud when the vehicle crashed, but never heard tires screeching.

The wreck is still under investigation by the SCHP.