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One man killed, 2 others injured during police chase

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One man was killed and two others seriously injured when their car being chased by a law officer crashed into a telephone pole in northwest Houston Wednesday night.

The men's names were not immediately available, and it was not known why they were fleeing from the officer, who had stopped them moments earlier for speeding.

When Precinct 1 Deputy Constable Chris Alonzo walked up to the newer model Saturn at Studewood and 14th Street, the driver sped off.

After about a one-mile chase, the Saturn veered to avoid two cars and slammed into a telephone pole on North Main at Tabor at 6:09 p.m., said J.C. Mosier, deputy chief of the Precinct 1 constable's office.

The three young men in the Saturn were found unconscious and could not be extricated until the car's roof was cut off, Mosier said.

The man riding in the back seat was pronounced dead on arrival at Ben Taub Hospital, where the driver and front-seat passenger were also taken.

North Main was shut down in both directions as police continued their investigation.

The Saturn had paper license tags and its registration could not be confirmed. Police also found a stack of paper license plates in the car's trunk, Mosier said.

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