

Weches

Crockett Man One of 2 Killed In Sunday Crash

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A two-truck collision Sunday night at 8:50 p.m. on the Centerville highway, took the lives of two men and injured the wife of one.

James B. Davis, 30, of Crockett, was killed when the Huntingburg Furniture Co. truck he was driving, and International tractor and trailer rig, collided with a panel truck driven by Albert G. Hudson, Jr., 37, a colored man from Dallas.

Hudson was also killed. His wife, Claretta Hudson, suffered a broken leg, but was released from a Crockett hospital later Sunday night after treatment.

Hudson, a truck driver for Acel Delivery Service of Dallas, was traveling west with a load of furniture from Huntingburg's Crockett plant, Timely of Texas. The collision took place on the rain slick Centerville highway, about 21 miles west of Crockett.

The accident was investigated by Texas Highway Patrolman Bill Dean of Buffalo. He reported the two vehicles collided left front to left front. A gas tank, commonly known as a "saddle tank," burst and ignited. Davis was burned along with the truck and furniture. It is not known whether Davis was killed by the collision or the fire. Dean said he would file no charges.

D. C. (Bud) Bretz, manager of Timely of Texas, estimated the value of the truck at about \$15,000 and the value of the furniture at about \$5,000. Bretz said Davis had been an employee of furniture plant for approximately six to eight weeks.

Both vehicles are at Goolsby's Service Station in Centerville.

Davis, a resident of Crockett for the past year, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Eloise Davis, and two sons, James Howard and Gregory Earl.

Funeral services were held from the Weches Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. R. J. Rodgers officiating. Interment was in the Weches Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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