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## **Driver takes own life during evening traffic stop**

Shortly after 8:00 p.m., on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a 31 year-old White male motorist from Houston, elected to take his own life during a traffic stop along the 8800 block of La Porte's Spencer Highway.

The motorist, whose name is being held at this time - pending notification of family member(s), was originally stopped by a La Porte Patrol Officer for a defective head lamp. However, when a series of outstanding traffic warrants from a set of neighboring cities came to light, the motorist waited until the Patrol Officer returned to an in-car computer for a moment, after which the motorist shot himself in the head with a small caliber pistol which he had hidden in his possession.

The motorist was quickly attended to by La Porte EMS, and soon-after transported to an area hospital, but was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

La Porte Police Detectives, following conference with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, are completing an analysis of the incident at this time. Investigation details will be made available at a later date.