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An investigation conducted by the Lexington Police Department has resulted in the arrest of a Lexington man in connection with a motor vehicle crash that resulted in the death of two people on October 18, 2023.

On October 18, 2023, Lexington Police along with other emergency services entities, responded to the 600 block of North Broad Street regarding a serious injury crash with entrapment. Upon arrival ten (10) persons, were discovered injured in the two (2) vehicle crash with a total of twelve (12) occupants. Nolen Turner (11 years of age) was pronounced deceased at Henderson County Community Hospital. Ms. Courtney Turner (33 years of age) died of her injuries at a hospital in Nashville on October 22, 2023. The other injured parties were transported to trauma centers in West and Middle TN. No additional information is currently available regarding their conditions.

Evidence suggests a white, 2002, Dodge, Van, was southbound on Broad Street, crossed the lanes of travel and struck the northbound white 2020 Chevrolet Malibu operated by Ms. Turner.

The operator of the van, Mr. Bayron Gomez-Perez (25 years of age) was released from Skyline Medical Center in Nashville on Saturday, October 21, 2023, and was immediately taken into custody by Henderson County Sheriff's Deputies. Mr. Perez is charged with two (2) counts of Vehicular Homicide, eight (8) counts of Vehicular Assault, Driving under the influence, Driving on the right side of the roadway and Violation of Open Container Law. Perez will be arraigned on October 24, 2023, in Henderson County General Sessions Court.

Lexington Police have been assisted by the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Henderson County Sheriff's Department throughout this investigation. The case will be prosecuted by Attorney General Jody Pickens and staff of the 26th Judicial District.

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