

TEXARKANA, Ark. — A Miller County deputy is on paid administrative leave for apparently hitting a pedestrian on U.S. Highway 82 late Saturday night near Garland City, which resulted in a fatality, according to an official.

The body of Roy D. Washington, 51, of Texarkana, Texas, was positively identified on Monday and his next of kin were notified by Arkansas State Police, according to Mark Lewis of the Miller County Sheriff's Office.

About 11:30 p.m. Saturday, the sheriff's office received a 911 call from a driver on U.S. Highway 82 just west of Garland City about a man dressed in all black walking down the middle of a dark roadway, Lewis wrote in a press release.

"At that time, a Miller County deputy was dispatched to the call. Within 60 seconds of receiving the call, the deputy, who was already on U.S. Highway 82 near Garland City, Arkansas, reported that he had just struck the individual in the roadway on Highway 82. The deputy immediately requested EMS and began rendering aid to the individual. Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced deceased by the Miller County Coroner at the scene following the arrival of EMS," Lewis' press release states.

Arkansas State Police responded to conduct a traffic collision investigation.

"Sheriff Jackie Runion contacted the next of kin, and the Miller County Sheriff's Office offers their deepest sympathy to the family of Roy D. Washington. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by this tragic incident," Lewis wrote.

The Texarkana Gazette requested some additional information from Miller County Sheriff's Office, but did not receive an immediate response to its queries.