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On 06-14-2007 around 7:09am, Commerce Police, Fire and Emergency Corp responded to a major accident on State Highway 11 near Oak Lane.

Responding units report a 2007 Green Ford Focus was traveling east bound, took evasive action to keep from striking a bucket that fell from an unidentified pick-up. The driver of the Ford Focus went off the roadway and over corrected as she returned. Her vehicle was thrown across to the west bound lane where she struck a 1990 Red Chevy ½ ton pick-up head on. The driver of the Ford Focus was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Jennifer Reeves. She is identified as Karen Griffin, 49 years old of Commerce.

The driver of the Chevy PU was taken to Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville by American Medical Response, and then air lifted to Parkland Hospital. He condition is unknown. He is identified as Jerry Gabbart, 42 years old of Cumby.

Commerce Police is in charge of the investigation.