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Baby delivered after pregnant woman hit and killed crossing street in River North, police say

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A truck is parked the 500 block of North LaSalle Drive in Chicago where a female pedestrian was hit and killed Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019. (Jose M. Osorio / Chicago Tribune)

Emergency doctors were able to deliver the baby of a pregnant woman who died from injuries suffered when she was hit Tuesday crossing an intersection on the Near North Side, according to police.

The 29-year-old was identified as Elizabeth Boshardy, of the 1600 block of West Cortez Street, according to the medical examiner's office.

Boshardy was crossing the street at LaSalle Drive and Grand Avenue about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday [when she was hit by a flat-bed truck](#) that was turning left to go south onto LaSalle from Grand. She became pinned under the vehicle, according to a police report. Emergency crews arrived within two minutes of the crash being reported, according to the report.

Boshardy was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 12:52 p.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. After noticing a faint fetal heartbeat, doctors were able to deliver the baby, according to the police report. The baby was then taken to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit for treatment.

Megan McCann, a hospital spokeswoman, said the hospital was unable to release any information because of health privacy regulations.

Natalia Derevyanny, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said as of Wednesday morning, Boshardy was the only fatality listed from the incident address.

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The driver of the truck, a 67-year-old man from Lyons, was issued a citation for a failure to yield to a pedestrian, according to police.

Anthony Guglielmi, the Police Department's chief spokesman, said as of Wednesday afternoon there was no indication the driver will face criminal charges.

"At this point, it appears to be a very, very tragic accident," he said.

Chicago Tribune's Jeremy Gerner contributed.

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