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“Westminster motorcyclist killed after being struck by pick-up truck”

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, August 11, 2009 ---- At approximately 9:45 pm last evening Carroll County Sheriff's Deputies responded to reports of a vehicle collision on Route 97 at Bartholow Road. Upon reaching the scene, deputies discovered a 2005 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle laying on the roadway against the guardrail on the southbound shoulder of Route 97, its driver was being treated by paramedics from the Winfield Volunteer Fire Company.

Sheriff's Office investigation revealed the motorcycle had been traveling North on Route 97 when it was struck by a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-up Truck, which failed to yield the right-of-way as it crossed Route 97 Westbound on Bartholow Road. The motorcycle's operator, Dennis Michael Henley Jr. aged 32 of Westminster was transported by helicopter to York County Hospital and died early this morning as a result of his injuries. The truck's operator, George Chochos aged 49 of Westminster was released from the scene uninjured. Alcohol is not considered a factor in this collision.

Henley, who is a Police Officer with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, was returning home after attending a training class at the Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission Facility in Sykesville. Sheriff's Office Traffic Homicide Investigators are conducting a detailed investigation and reconstruction of the accident, which could take several weeks. Charges are pending the outcome of that investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident, or that may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Corporal Mike Zepp of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 410-386-2900, or mzepp@ccg.carr.org. The Sheriff's Office Investigation continues...