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Troy Heck, Sheriff
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PRESS RELEASE

DATE:08-13-24

AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE. PLEASE NOTE UPDATED NAME OF WITNESS.

On August 10th, 2024, the Benton County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury accident involving two motorcycles.

At about 7:10 pm on August 10th, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received the report of a motor vehicle crash involving two motorcycles that occurred in the 3200 block of Golden Spike Rd NE near Sauk Rapids. Responding deputies arrived on scene and found one victim, Christopher Creed Fisher (age 50 of New Braunfels, Texas), at the scene. Fisher had sustained serious injuries and was transported from the scene by ambulance to the St. Cloud Hospital.

Investigating deputies determined that prior to the crash, Fisher had been at a residence in rural Benton County with friends. Deputies learned Fisher left the residence with two other men, Kyle Michael Crone of Andover and another man Fisher had only met that day. Deputies learned the three men were intent on driving to Rollie's Rednecks and Longnecks near Sauk Rapids and that the man whom Fisher had met that day volunteered to guide Fisher and Crone to the bar. Deputies learned that the three men left the residence on three motorcycles. The investigation revealed that immediately prior to the crash, the man leading the group had gone ahead of Fisher and Crone, causing them to lose sight of this driver. Fisher and Crone reported that as they continued on their route, they rounded a curve and saw the third man stopped in the roadway on his motorcycle a short distance ahead. Fisher and Crone reported slowing down as they approached the third man who was still stopped in the roadway. Deputies learned that as Fisher maneuvered to drive around this third man to the left, the man abruptly turned his motorcycle to the left and moved into the path of Fisher's motorcycle. Investigating deputies learned Fisher was unable to avoid the man's motorcycle, resulting in the collision that caused Fisher's injuries. Deputies learned that the third man attempted to get Fisher up off the ground, but Fisher was unable to get up due to his injuries. Fisher and Crone told deputies that this third man then fled the scene of the accident on foot. Benton County deputies and Sauk Rapids Police officers searched for the third driver at the time of the crash but were unable to locate him. Subsequent investigation has resulted in deputies establishing the identity of the person believed to be the third driver. The investigation into this case is active and on-going.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Sauk Rapids Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, and Mayo Ambulance.

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Troy Heck

Benton County Sheriff