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Mulkeytown couple dies in motorcycling accident

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FRANKLIN COUNTY — The Southern Illinois motorcycle community is reeling today from the loss of Mary Opp of rural Mulkeytown.

The two died Tuesday night after they crashed their bikes on Illinois

14 just west of its intersection with Illinois 184, Captain Don Jones of the Franklin County Sheriff's Dep

Witnesses told deputies that both were headed westbound on Illinois 14 — [REDACTED] on a 2003 Honda and a back tire started to shake. Seconds later, he lost control of the bike and went down on the pavement. Mary's bike, swerved to avoid the accident, lost control and also laid down her motorcycle, Jones said.

Both were pronounced dead at the scene. An investigation into the crash is continuing, Jones said.

The Opps were members of The Lord's Paheece chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, chapter

Carsuso happened to come upon the site of the crashes Tuesday about a half-hour after they occurred.

"I was shocked, just in disbelief that it was them," he said. "When you think of lovely people — physical and Mary. They were lovely — warm, friendly, joyful, caring, giving. Just lovely people."

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Christopher. A visitation is planned

Franklin Co. Sheriff's Dept.

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ILLINOIS TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

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INVESTIGATED BY
Franklin County Sheriff's Office

TYPE OF REPORT
 ON-SCENE
 NOT ON-SCENE
 SUPPLEMENTARY

A No Injury / Drive Away
 B Injury and / or Tow Due To Crash

AGENCY CRASH REPORT NO.
08-0575

ADDRESS NO. (OPTIONAL) **1763**

HIGHWAY or STREET NAME
STATE HIGHWAY 14

CITY/TOWNSHIP (CIRCLE)
MULKEYTOWN

COUNTY
Franklin

INTERSECTION RELATED
 Yes No

DATE OF CRASH
5/06/2008

TIME
05:48PM

LARS CODE

NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.) DRIVER PED PEDAL EQUUS NMV NCV

DATE OF BIRTH

MAKE **HOND** MODEL **M.C** YEAR **2003**

STREET ADDRESS **RD**

SEX **M** SAFT **5** AIR **9**

PLATE NO. STATE **IL** YEAR **2009**

CITY **MULKEYTOWN** STATE **IL** ZIP

INJURY **K** EJECT **2** VIN **1HFSC46063A**

TELEPHONE DRIVER LICENSE NO. STATE **IL** CLASS **AM**

VEHICLE OWNER (LAST, FIRST M.I.) **SAME AS DRIVER** INSURANCE CO.

TAKEN TO **Franklin Hospital** EMS AGENCY **Mercy Regional/ Pickneyvil** OWNER ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip) **SAME AS DRIVER** TELEPHONE POLICY NO.

CIRCLE NUMBER(S) FOR DAMAGED AREA(S)

00 - NONE
 10 - UNDER CARRIAGE
 11 - TOTAL (ALL AREAS)
 12 - OTHER
 99 - UNKNOWN

POINT OF FIRST CONTACT **1**

TOWED DUE TO DAMAGE Y N
 OTHER
 FIRE
 HAZ MAT.
 COM VEH.

NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.) DRIVER PED PEDAL EQUUS NMV

DATE OF BIRTH

MAKE **YAM** MODEL **1100** YEAR **1997**

STREET ADDRESS **RD**

SEX **F** SAFT **5** AIR **9**

PLATE NO. STATE **IL** YEAR **2009**

CITY **MULKEYTOWN** STATE **IL** ZIP

INJURY **K** EJECT **2** VIN **JYA1TEE0XVA**

TELEPHONE DRIVER LICENSE NO. STATE **IL** CLASS **DM**

VEHICLE OWNER (LAST, FIRST M.I.) INSURANCE CO.

TAKEN TO **Franklin Hospital** EMS AGENCY **Mercy Regional Pickneyvil** OWNER ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip) **MULKEYTOWN IL** TELEPHONE POLICY NO.

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UNIT	SEAT	DOB	SEX	SAFT	AIR	INJ	EJECT	(NAME) / (ADDR) / (TEL)	(HOSPI)	(EMS)
W		12/19/1972	M					MULKEYTOWN IL		
W		11/23/1958	M					MULKEYTOWN IL		

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* IF YES, COMPLETE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AREA ON BACK OF FORM

SR 1050 E 65 M (REPRINT 09/00)

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DIAGRAM

RAILROAD
TRACKS

Unit 1

Unit 2

FS PLANT
ENTRANCE

INDICATE NORTH

Rte 14

NOT TO SCALE

FOR MEASUREMENTS & DETAILS DRAWING SEE APO

NARRATIVE (Refer to vehicle by Unit No.)

At 5:48pm FCSD received multiple 911 calls of two motorcycles involved in a crash resulting in major injury. R/O responded to 1763 State Highway 14 (Mulkeytown FS entrance) arriving at 6:04pm. R/O observed a black Honda motorcycle in the middle of Rte14 west of the RR tracks. A male subject, identified as [REDACTED], was laying on the north side of Rte 14 adjacent to the culvert on the east side of the entrance to the FS plant. Mercy Regional personnel were working on [REDACTED] but confirmed that he was deceased at that time. Several hundred feet to the west of [REDACTED] location was a second Yamaha motorcycle. This bike was in the ditch also north side of Rte 14. A female identified as [REDACTED] was lying adjacent to the totaled motorcycle also in a SW direction. [REDACTED] was being attended to by Personnel from the Pickneyville ambulance. These personnel after approx 10 minutes confirmed that [REDACTED] was deceased.

State Re constructionist Robert Ventura responded to the scene. Scene was photographed and measurements taken. (for detailed narrative see Crash Re constructionist Ventura's report)

Miller's Towing responded to scene at family's request.

R/O spoke with witness [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was behind the [REDACTED] on his own motorcycle. [REDACTED] said when the [REDACTED] crested the hill east of the FS plant they accelerated

LOCAL USE ONLY

U1 Color **BLK**U2 Color **BLK**

U1 Towed by / to

Miller Towing/CHRISTOPHER AREA

U2 Towed by / to

Miller Towing/CHRISTOPHER AREA

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

UNIT NO. _____

CARRIER NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

ID NUMBER

GWWR

US DOT

ICCMC

or State No.

State Name

 None

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:

PLACARDED? Yes No

if Yes: 4-Digits _____

1-Digit _____

or Name _____

Hazardous cargo released from truck?

(do not count fuel from vehicle fuel tank)

 Y N UnkViolation of HAZMAT regs. contribute to crash? Violation of MCS regs. contribute to crash?

Inspection form completed?

 Y N Unk

Form No. _____

HAZMAT Out of Service? MCS Out of Service?

IDOT PERMIT # _____

WIDE LOAD

TRAILER WIDTH(S)

TRAILER LENGTH(S) - ft

VEHICLE LENGTH (TOTAL) - ft

Trailer 1 0-96" 97-102" Over 102"

Trailer 1 _____

NO. OF AXLES

Trailer 2

Trailer 2 _____

(Circle)

 IN CITY OF / NEAREST CITY: _____

Miles N E S W of: _____

INSERT APPLICABLE NUMBERS FROM CHOICES ON BACK OF TEMPLATE TWO

VEHICLE CONFIGURATION _____ CARGO BODY TYPE _____ LOAD TYPE _____

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UNIT NO. _____

CARRIER NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

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NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

INCIDENT NUMBER	08-0575
INCIDENT DATE / TIME	5/06/2008 1748

Narrative Type: Traffic Crash Narrative

Topic:

rapidly. Speeds were in excess of 70 MPH according to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he knew the riders as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which lived just north of [REDACTED] residence. Unit 1 was described to "get loose" at the rear tire. [REDACTED] described the bike as fish tailing back and forth. Unit 1 was being driven by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] eventually lost control and was ejected from the bike into the ditch on the north side of Rte 14. [REDACTED] said the bike fell to the pavement and was spinning and sliding for several hundred feet. [REDACTED] who was riding next to the fog line slightly behind Unit 1 attempted to brake to avoid striking the bike and or her husband. [REDACTED] eventually lost control of her bike leaving the road to the right onto a shallow embankment. She then struck the culvert on the east side of the FS plant entrance which sent her airborne across the culvert into the ditch on the west side. [REDACTED] was ejected from the bike at that time. [REDACTED] said he was braking and drove into the eastbound lane of traffic to avoid any collision with either motorcyclist. [REDACTED] said he called 911 as other people arrived and were attempting to administer first aid. [REDACTED] said he left riding to [REDACTED] home to tell them of their parents accident. [REDACTED] said he did not get a response so he rode home put his motorcycle away and returned to the scene in his truck.

Coroner Leek arrived on scene at 6:45pm.

[REDACTED] p, son to the deceased arrived on scene. [REDACTED] after recovering from the initial shock, informed R/O that for years his Dad would traditionally "open up" the bike for the last mile home [REDACTED] said today was the first ride with a brand new front tire on the bike his Dad was riding. [REDACTED] also confirmed that his Dad had placed a car tire on the back wheel and had ridden it that way for about a year.

A second witness [REDACTED] was located. [REDACTED] lives approx .3 to .4 of a mile east of the crash site. [REDACTED] said he was outside when he heard and saw 3 motorcycles traveling westbound on Rte 14 at what he described as a high rate of speed. [REDACTED] said he saw the back bike swerve as if to pass and then the other two bikes "get together" and crash. [REDACTED] further said the back bike stopped at the scene called 911 left and then returned in approx 10 minutes. [REDACTED] drove to the scene in an attempt to render aid.

Narrative Reporting Officer: Veldman, Rick

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Narrative Date/Time: 05/06/2008 2258