Man Killed in Motorcycle Crash

A man was killed this afternoon when his motorcycle collided with a car on Houston Levee Road in east Shelby County.

Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigators say about 3 p.m. the motorcycle topped a hill on Houston Levee Road just south of Country Way Drive East.

The Suzuki motorcycle crashed into the trunk of a 2000 Buick Century driven by Terry Franseen. Franseen, 50, of Collierville, had stopped with other motorists for a minor traffic crash at the intersection about 130 yards away.

Franseen and his 14-year-old son were not hurt. Both were wearing their seat belts. Traffic investigators say the cyclist was apparently not aware traffic had come to a stop and couldn't avoid hitting Franseen's vehicle.

The man was pronounced dead a short time later at Baptist Hospital in East Memphis. His name will be released once his family is notified. Deputies believe speed was a factor in the crash.

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