

Motorcyclist dies after being struck by SUV in town

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A Town of Grafton man sustained fatal injuries when a sport utility vehicle struck the motorcycle he was driving at the intersection of Highways W and V in the Town of Grafton just before 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department said the driver of the motorcycle, Rex Borgenhagen, 45, was transported to Aurora Hospital in Grafton and then taken by Flight for Life to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee where he was pronounced dead.

Capt. Jeff Taylor said an SUV traveling eastbound on Highway W crossed through the intersection, striking the motorcycle that had been northbound on Highway V.

The driver of the SUV, Jeff Pionkoski of Cedarburg, was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign, causing the death of another person.

Alcohol, drugs and speed were not factors in the crash, Capt. Taylor said. Borgenhagen was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Borgenhagen had worked for 20 years as a model maker at Frank Mayer and Associates in Grafton, Company President Mike Mayer said.

"He was a very talented, very intelligent individual who lent a helping hand to anyone and everyone," Mayer said. "He was an incredible individual, not only as an associate, but as a friend and person."

A funeral was held Tuesday at Eernisse Funeral Home in Cedarburg.

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