

Urbandale Police Department

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Topic: Fatality Accident I80/35 EB near mile marker 130.3

On Wednesday 06/11/08 at approximately 4:44 P.M., a two-vehicle accident claimed the life of an Altoona man. Witnesses observed a motorcycle enter Interstate 80/35 eastbound at the 86th Street interchange. They indicated that the motorcycle quickly changed to the center lane upon entering the interstate. A vehicle driven by 58-year-old Roger Dean Lohse of Winthrop, IA, was also eastbound in the center lane of I80/35 approaching the Merle Hay Road interchange.

The eastbound traffic, including the Lohse vehicle, was slowing down due to heavy traffic near the Merle Hay Road interchange. The motorcycle struck the rear of the Lohse vehicle and the motorcycle operator was thrown from the bike. The driver and sole rider of the motorcycle was identified as 38-year-old Philip Jordan Rowe of Altoona, IA. Philip Rowe died at the scene from head injuries sustained in this accident. Rowe was not wearing a protective helmet at the time of the accident.

Rowe's motorcycle sustained approximately \$1,000.00 damage in this accident. The Lohse vehicle sustained relatively minor damage with Roger Lohse and his two occupants receiving no injuries.

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