



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: October 7, 2013

Case No. 13-16975

On October 7, 2013, at approximately 4:44 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to the southbound lanes of US 131 at I-94 for a single car accident. Law enforcement officers on scene learned through witnesses that a 1996 Saturn was traveling south on US 131 and, for unknown reasons, drove off the left side of the roadway. The vehicle, which was driven by a 20-year-old Kalamazoo man, collided with the bridge abutment and came to rest underneath the I-94 overpass. The driver, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, succumbed to injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety and the Michigan State Police assisted in shutting down and diverting southbound traffic for several hours. The accident is still under investigation.

- UPDATE -

The victim in the fatal crash that occurred on October 7, 2013 has been identified as 20-year-old Brayden Jeffery Barnum of Vicksburg. The crash investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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