



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: November 19, 2013

Case No. 13-19493

On November 19, 2013, at approximately 3:11 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to the 5300 block of S. Westnedge for a personal injury accident involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival, responding officers learned that a motorcycle traveling southbound on S. Westnedge struck a Chevrolet SUV that was turning west onto Trade Centre Way.

The operator of the motorcycle, a 29-year old-Kalamazoo man, was thrown from the motorcycle and suffered serious injuries and was transported to Bronson Hospital. The driver of the SUV suffered a minor injury and was treated at the scene.

The accident is still under investigation. Although alcohol does not appear to be a factor, it appears that speed may have been a contributing factor.

### UPDATE

On November 21, 2013, the operator of the motorcycle, identified as 29-year-old Patrick Joseph Sheppard of Kalamazoo, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at Bronson Hospital at approximately 11:30 a.m. The crash remains under investigation.

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](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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