



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 08/16/2016  
Case No. 16-15175

On August 16, 2016 at approximately 7:42 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Dispatch received reports of a personal injury accident in the 5100 block of South Westnedge Avenue. Fire and police units responded to the scene and found that a 2016 Yamaha motorcycle had collided with a 2011 Mazda CX7 passenger vehicle. The motorcycle was driven by a 21-year-old male Portage resident. The Mazda was driven by a 50-year-old female, and a 17-year-old female was a passenger; both are Mattawan residents.

Officers investigating the accident determined that the Mazda was pulling out of the private drive at 5121 South Westnedge Avenue. The driver crossed the northbound lanes of S. Westnedge and intended to turn southbound on Westnedge. The motorcycle was driving northbound on S. Westnedge and collided with the Mazda as it entered the roadway. The operator of the motorcycle was killed as a result of the accident. The occupants of the Mazda were not injured in the crash.

Westnedge Avenue was completely shut down for approximately two hours during the investigation, and traffic was rerouted to adjacent streets.

### UPDATE – August 17, 2016

The man killed in the traffic crash that occurred on August 16 has been identified as Navjot Singh, 21, of Portage.

The accident remains under investigation, and anyone with information is asked to call Portage Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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