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Fatal Traffic Crash – Bangerter Highway

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – At 3:51 P.M. on April 17, 2020, South Jordan Police and medical units responded to a motorcycle crash at 10300 South Bangerter Highway in the southbound direction. Initial reports indicated a male victim on scene was unconscious.

Despite efforts of first responders, the operator of the Victory Motorcycle, Richard Gomez age 56 of West Jordan, UT, was killed in the crash. No other vehicles were involved and investigators are looking into whether speed was a factor in this crash.

Mr. Gomez was operating his motorcycle south on Bangerter Highway in the left lane, approaching stopped traffic from a red light at 10400 South. Mr. Gomez locked his brakes on his motorcycle, swerved to the left, and lost control of the motorcycle. Mr. Gomez was thrown from the motorcycle and suffered severe head trauma as he was not wearing a helmet.

“Although traffic was lighter as people stayed home, the warmer weather is bringing more people outside. Many motorists still drive distracted. We implore motorcycle riders to please use a helmet. The use of a helmet may have saved Mr. Gomez today,” Sergeant Samuel Winkler, South Jordan Police.

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