



# Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Traffic Crash Fatality

Date: 09/29/16

## Narrative

Gulfport, FL-- On Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at approximately 8:15 pm, officers were dispatched to a traffic crash at the intersection of 49<sup>th</sup> St S and Jersey Ave S. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Major Accident Investigation Team was contacted and Gulfport Police Officer Mills, who is a member of that unit, assisted in the investigation.

According to investigators, at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016, 24-year-old Armaletha M. Wesley was operating her 2015 Leike motorcycle southbound on 49<sup>th</sup> Street South approaching Jersey Avenue S. 51-year-old Ronald Hillman was driving his 2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer eastbound on Jersey Avenue S when the motorcycle and vehicle collided on 49<sup>th</sup> St S.

Investigators say that Wesley was not wearing a helmet. She died while en-route to the local hospital from her injuries. Hillman was not injured as a result of the crash.

Investigators say speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash.  
The next-of-kin of the deceased has been notified.  
The investigation continues.

Armaletha M. Wesley (Deceased Motorcyclist)  
DOB: 06/23/1992  
Address: 3925 Mohr Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33714  
Vehicle: 2015 Leike motorcycle

Ronald Hillman (Driver- Uninjured)  
DOB: 09/02/1965  
Address: 1419 54<sup>th</sup> Street South, Gulfport, 33707  
Vehicle: 2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer

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