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Man killed by fleeing car loved music

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The mother of a 56-year-old man killed Friday night when a vehicle fleeing Milwaukee police collided with his car described him as a loving son with a passion for music.

LaVerne Zeugner said she was notified by the district attorney office's victim assistance unit that her oldest son, Cary Zeugner of Milwaukee, was killed in the crash.

"As soon as they walked in the door, I knew something was wrong," Zeugner said Sunday.

Cary Zeugner, an employee for nearly 30 years at Astronautics Corp. of America was a loving person with a passion for music and sang in the choir at both Prince of Peace Catholic Church and Ebenezer Lutheran Church on the south side. He also gave private ballroom dancing lessons.

"He loved music. When he'd come to the apartment, you'd always hear him coming," his mother said.

LaVerne Zeugner said she hoped to learn more about the investigation into the pursuit, the crash and the driver of the car that police were chasing.

"We're anxious to find out what that man's name is and what's taking so long. . . . We understand they are trying to have a thorough investigation," she said.

On Sunday, police refused to confirm that Cary Zeugner was the man killed in the crash , and refused to name the 36-year-old West Allis man accused of crashing into him and refused to name the officer involved in the pursuit.

On Friday, Milwaukee police Capt. David Zibolski said: The pursuit began about 7 p.m. near S. 20th St. and W. Morgan Ave. when an officer attempted to stop a motorist.

The pursuit turned south on 20th St., and at Howard Ave., the fleeing motorist ran a red traffic light and collided with another vehicle.

Witnesses said the car was traveling at a high speed, but Zibolski would not give an estimate of how fast.

The motorist who was being chased ran from the crash scene but was apprehended by police and members of the public, according to Zibolski.

Zibolski described the man as a habitual traffic offender with a revoked driver's license and said drugs were found in his vehicle.

The officer involved in the chase has been with the department four years, Zibolski said.

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