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Motorcyclist killed after chase ends

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NORTH HANOVER _ A motorcyclist was killed in a traffic accident yesterday after police called off a pursuit of three motorcyclists speeding on the New Jersey Turnpike, state police with the Fort Dix barracks said.

The name of the man who was killed could not be disclosed last night because his next of kin had not been notified, state police said.

One of the motorcyclists _ whose name was also being withheld _ was caught by police, but the third was able to escape, state police said. Police could not provide a description of the escaped cyclist.

The chase began in Mansfield around 3 p.m. when state police spotted the three motorcyclists speeding. The motorcyclists led police through Wrightstown, where one of the cyclists collided with a car turning out of a McDonald's at Sykesville-Wrightstown and North roads, state police said. The motorcyclist, who was wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene by a medical examiner at 5:45 p.m., state police said.

The name of the driver who the motorcyclist hit was not available, but state police said he was treated and released from a local hospital for minor injuries.

State police emphasized that the search was called off before the motorcyclist died because officers were concerned for the safety of other motorists.

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