

Motorcyclist Dies in Collision During Pursuit in Burke County

NC State Highway Patrol

BURKE COUNTY, N.C. — A 36-year-old Granite Falls man died Tuesday afternoon, November 3, following a motorcycle crash on NC 18 in Burke County while being pursued by deputies with the Burke County Sheriff's Office.

According to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, troopers responded to the fatal collision at approximately 3:49 p.m. near Zero Mull Road.

The preliminary investigation determined that Rodney Dale Reese, 36, was traveling north on NC 18 on a Kawasaki motorcycle at a high rate of speed while being pursued by Burke County deputies.

The motorcycle struck the rear of a 2011 Dodge Ram truck driven by Andrew Curley of Morganton. The truck was attempting to turn left into the Burke County Waste Disposal Site when the collision occurred.

Reese was ejected from the motorcycle and died at the scene.

Curley was not injured.

The collision was investigated by Master Trooper K. Jake Macchia of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.