

Newton Motorcyclist Killed in I-40 Crash in Burke County

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HILDEBRAN, N.C. — A Newton man was killed Thursday morning, October 15, in a collision involving a passenger car and motorcycle on Interstate 40 in Burke County.

According to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the crash occurred around 6:46 a.m. near Exit 119.

Troopers said a 2014 Ford passenger car traveling westbound in the left lane crossed the centerline and struck a 2026 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The impact caused the motorcyclist to lose control and be ejected into a guardrail.

The motorcyclist, Mark Randall Childers, 59, of Newton, died at the scene.

The driver of the Ford, Graham Anthony Patterson, 37, of Morganton, was not injured.

Investigators determined that neither speed nor impairment contributed to the

collision.

Patterson was charged with failure to maintain lane control, driving without an operator’s license, and misdemeanor death by motor vehicle.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol investigated the fatal crash.