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Kapa'a man dies in moped crash Sunday evening

KAPA'A – A crash involving a pickup truck and a moped at the Kūhiō Highway and Ohia Street intersection caused one fatality Sunday evening.

According to a preliminary report, around 6:40 p.m., 59-year-old Andrew Derego of Kapa'a, was operating a red moped and was heading southbound on Kūhiō Highway, crossing the Ohia Street intersection, when his moped was struck by a white Toyota pickup truck operated by a 61-year-old Kapa'a woman. The Toyota truck was heading northbound on Kūhiō Highway as the driver was attempting to turn left onto Ohia Street.

Derego sustained serious injuries and was transported to Wilcox Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The driver of the truck did not sustain injuries.

Speed does not appear to be a factor in this crash. Toxicology reports are pending to determine if either operator was under the influence at the time of the crash.

Derego was not wearing a helmet.

Kūhiō Highway and Ulu Street were closed for approximately three hours while the Traffic Safety Unit conducted an on-scene investigation. Motorists were re-routed and/or advised to use the Kapa'a bypass as an alternate route.

This is the second traffic fatality this year. The first traffic fatality was related to 64-year-old Jeff Sutter of Wailua, who was found deceased inside of an overturned vehicle in Hanamā'ulu River earlier this month. A subsequent investigation determined that he was attempting to park when his vehicle went into the river.

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