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Second motorcyclist involved in Lyon Township accident dies in hospital

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A Milford woman, who was critically injured in a motorcycle accident Friday evening in Lyon Township, has died. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office confirmed that Donna Cline, 48, died Monday at 4:30 p.m. at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor as a result of her injuries.

Cline's 50-year-old husband, Gary Cline, who was driving the Kawasaki motorcycle the two were riding on, died shortly after the accident that occurred just before 6 p.m. on Pontiac Trail east of Bradford.

Police investigators say the Milford couple was traveling westbound on Pontiac Trail from Grand River when a 16-year-old female driver from South Lyon turned a pickup truck into their path.

After speaking to witnesses, police say there was traffic in front of and behind the Clines. A teen driver was in her 1992 Ford pickup truck traveling eastbound on Pontiac Trail. The pickup truck stopped in the road and was attempting to turn left into a driveway. Several cars went by westbound when the pickup truck attempted the left turn. Police say the driver told them she saw the motorcycle coming but felt there was time to turn.

However, witnesses told police the pickup truck turned right in front of the motorcycle. Gary Cline braked in an attempt to stop, but the motorcycle went down and slid into the right side of the truck. The Clines both hit the side of the truck.

Lyon Township Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene, and Gary Cline was transported by ambulance to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Donna Cline was transported by ambulance to Providence Park Hospital in Novi where she was stabilized, and then airlifted to University of Michigan Hospital where she died Monday.

The driver and two occupants of the 1992 Ford pickup were not injured. All were wearing seat belts, police said. Both occupants of the motorcycle were wearing helmets.


Oakland County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff/Chief Deputy Michael McCabe said drugs and alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the accident. However, he said once the investigation is completed, the teen driver could be facing some criminal charges.

"Our crash reconstruction team still has some work to do. They still have some witnesses to follow up with. Once that is done we will present our case to the Prosecutor's Office and they will make a determination on criminal charges," McCabe said on Tuesday.

McCabe said the teen driver recently got her driver's license.

"This is just a tragedy all the way around," he said.

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