



Fatal Elk Grove Bicycle Accident

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A bicyclist died on Tuesday after being struck by a Honda minivan traveling east bound on Sheldon Road in Elk Grove. The incident occurred at about 7:30 a.m. while the bicyclist was attempting to cross Sheldon Road. The unidentified victim, thought to be 50-60 years old, was thrown up onto the windshield and was declared dead at the scene. Although this Elk Grove accident remains under investigation, first reports indicate that no drugs or alcohol were involved.

Obviously, bicyclists are much more exposed than occupants of a vehicle and much more likely to sustain serious injury or death in an accident. According to the California Highway Patrol, 11,390 bicyclists were injured in accidents in California in 2008. The cause of the Elk Grove collision remains under investigation.

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Witness accounts are important, but there may be other information that can ultimately influence who will be deemed responsible, in whole or in part, for a collision. If the driver of a vehicle injures a bike rider while violating a Vehicle Code section or while failing to use due care while driving, he or she can be held civilly liable for monetary damages. If the driver of the vehicle is also working at the time, the employer can also be held liable for the damages. In most cases, it is vital to conduct investigation immediately so evidence is not lost due to the passage of time.

Nothing is more devastating than losing a loved one, especially if it is unexpected and as the result of someone's negligence. The law provides that certain family members, usually a spouse, child or parent, have the right to recover compensation for certain losses if someone

is liable for causing another person's death. These losses include both economic and non-economic damages. The most significant economic loss recoverable in a wrongful death claim is typically the loss of financial support and other benefits that the deceased would have provided in his or her lifetime to the person making the claim. Non-economic damages include the loss of love, support and companionship of the deceased person.

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Anyone injured in a bike or motorcycle collision is urged to consult with an experienced [Sacramento Personal Injury Attorney](#). It is always important to act quickly so that all legal rights are protected. A knowledgeable [Sacramento Personal Injury Lawyer](#) will investigate the circumstances of the collision and evaluate the roadway for dangerous conditions that may have caused or contributed to this fatal accident.

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