



Rider Killed in Sacramento Motorcycle Accident

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The rider of a motorcycle was killed Tuesday morning when a Mercury Sable driven by a 17 year old male swerved out of control and into the center median on Highway 99 north of 47th Avenue. As the driver was trying to correct his vehicle, it collided with a Harley-Davidson driven James Walter Murphy of Wilton. The motorcycle then collided with another vehicle. The teenage driver ran south on 47th Avenue but was later apprehended by CHP officers. Mr. Murphy was transported to U.C. Davis Medical Center with major head injuries but succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead.

Demas & Rosenthal sends its condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Murphy.

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The unfortunate truth is that many teenagers are not ready for the responsibility of getting behind the wheel. The consequences of immature driving can be devastating. Statistics show that at least 14% of auto accident deaths involve teen drivers. In 2008, 593 Californians lost their lives in crashes involving teen drivers. Over 1/3 of these fatal crashes were caused by vehicles traveling at an excessive speed. Although this [Sacramento Motorcycle Accident](#) is still under investigation, it does not appear that drugs or alcohol were a factor. It stands to reason that parents should exercise as much caution and control as possible when allowing their teenagers to drive.

Hit and run drivers also present a significant danger on our roadways. In 2008 alone in California, there were 22,091 injuries caused by irresponsible drivers in hit-and-run collisions.

In California, the law requires a driver that has been involved in a collision to stop and present his or her license and insurance information, regardless of the level of seriousness or extent of injury. Failing to do may result in **criminal charges, including a Felony charges** *when a victim sustains serious injuries.*

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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. Anyone who has lost a loved one as the result of another's negligence or carelessness is advised to contact an experienced [California Personal Injury Attorney](#) who will hire investigators and accident reconstruction experts to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident, advise the victim of all legal rights, and file a lawsuit if necessary to obtain fair compensation.

If you or a loved one is injured or killed in a hit and run accident, you are strongly advised to consult with an experienced [Sacramento Personal Injury Attorney](#). In hit and run cases, law enforcement does not always have the time or resources to investigate and track down a hit and run driver. A knowledgeable [Sacramento Personal Injury Lawyer](#) can investigate and hold a hit and run driver responsible for his or her actions. A good [California Auto Accident Attorney](#) will advise you of all your rights with regard to a civil claim for damages and recovery under all available insurance policies.

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