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### **Update 2: Motorcycle Fatal Crash**

Victim identified:

Willie Bennett Jr. DOB 11/03/64

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At about 6:40 a.m., a blue 2003 Chevrolet Pickup, driven by 53 year old Steven Buch, was traveling northbound on 16th Street North.

The Chevrolet made a left hand turn from 16th Street North onto 3rd Avenue North and struck a scooter that was headed southbound on 16th Street. The 53 year old man driving the scooter was thrown from the scooter and was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was not wearing a helmet.

The driver of the pickup truck stopped and cooperated with police. Impairment was not a factor. The investigation into the crash is still ongoing.

The victim's name has not been released due to pending next of kin notification.

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Motorcycle fatal accident

A motorcyclist and a truck collided. The driver of the motorcycle died at the scene. It happened on 16th St between 3-4th Avenue North. This occurred about 6:45a.m. and the area will remain closed to traffic for the investigation for several hours.