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Police investigating fatal motorcycle collision in Columbia

UPDATE (May 17): The deceased passenger has been identified as 26-year-old Kristen Renee Snyder of Elkton. The operator, who remains in critical condition, has been identified as 33-year-old Jamie Charles Zavala of Glen Burnie. The investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing.

Howard County police are investigating a motorcycle collision in Columbia on Saturday in which one person was killed and another was seriously injured.

At approximately 5:16 p.m., a 2011 Yamaha R6 motorcycle was traveling on the ramp from Route 175 west to Route 29 north when the operator lost control and struck a guardrail. Both the operator and the passenger were ejected from the motorcycle.

The adult female passenger was pronounced dead at the scene. The adult male operator was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in critical condition. Their identities will be released when next of kin have been notified.

The investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing. The ramp from Route 175 west to Route 29 north was closed for approximately three hours.

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