

Motorcyclist killed in collision near Jewell, Ore.

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A 60-year old motorcyclist from Canada was killed Tuesday afternoon on Highway 103 south of Jewell, Oregon when he struck the side of an oncoming Jeep as it turned into a driveway in front of him, Oregon State Police (OSP) reported.

Donald A. Labine of BC, Canada was killed Tuesday afternoon south of Jewell, Oregon when his motorcycle struck the side of an SUV as it turned in front of him - OSP photo Troopers said that Richard A. Morgan, 71, of Kettle Falls, Washington was traveling north on Highway 103 near milepost 6 in a 2002 Jeep Cherokee when he tried to turn left into a private driveway, but did so in front of a 2003 Kawasaki motorcycle. As Morgan turned left, the motorcycle crashed into the passenger side of his SUV.

Donald A. Labine, the motorcycle rider from Pitt Meadows, British Columbia was pronounced dead at the scene about 1:30 p.m. May 15 after fire personnel and others unsuccessfully attempted to revive him. He was wearing a helmet, troopers said.

Labine's brother was among a group of motorcyclists who were riding ahead of the victim, and backtracked when they noticed Donald was behind them, coming upon the accident scene.

Morgan, the driver of the Jeep, was wearing safety restraints and was not injured.

According to an OSP news release, troopers from Astoria are continuing the investigation and no citations had been issued at the time of the release.