

Van kills two S.C. charity cyclists

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CHARLOTTE, S.C. -- Two cross-country cyclists raising money for brain injury treatment were struck and killed by a van in South Carolina. The South Carolina Highway Patrol said the accident happened Sunday around 2:15 p.m. on U.S. 521, 11 miles south of Lancaster, the Charlotte Observer reported Monday. Thomas Hoskins, 49, died at the scene, while Lee Anne Barry, 43, died later at the Carolinas Medical Center, police said. Barry founded The B.I.G. Ride in 2001 to heighten awareness and raise money for brain injury treatment with national rides every two years. She herself was struck by a car when she was 5 and was comatose for months. At age 15 she convinced doctors to permit then-experimental surgery, and she subsequently had a near-complete recovery. This year's trip began Aug. 28 in Seattle and had been scheduled to end in Charlotte Sunday. Few details of the accident were released, but the highway patrol was investigating, the report said.

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