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Motorcycle fatality

Riverside, CA -- A motorcyclist died Wednesday morning from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash on the Van Buren bridge over the Santa Ana River.

Riverside Police responded to the scene of the crash at 9:11 p.m. Tuesday. The Riverside County Coroner reported that the victim died shortly after midnight.

Thomas CURRAN, 53, of San Bernardino, was traveling northbound on Van Buren Boulevard at what appeared to be posted speeds on his 1988 BMW motorcycle when, according to witnesses, he failed to follow the curve in the road.

Following a straight path of travel, Curran collided with the river bridge guardrail. He was ejected over the guard rail and fell more than 50 feet onto the Santa Ana River Trail recreational bike path below. The motorcycle stayed on the roadway and skidded some distance along the guard rail before coming to rest.

The motorcyclist, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, was transported to Riverside Community Hospital by American Medical Response ambulance. Curran died of his injuries at 12:11 a.m., according to the Coroner.

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