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June 12, 2023

## Shaftsbury Barracks / Fatal motor-vehicle crash

STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY **VERMONT STATE POLICE** 

CASE#: 23B3002850

RANK/TROOPER FULL NAME: Trooper Jared Lacoste

STATION: Vermont State Police Shaftsbury Barracks

CONTACT#: 802-442-5421

DATE/TIME: About 4:53 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023

STREET: VT Route 30

TOWN: Dorset

LANDMARK AND/OR CROSS STREETS: Morse Hill Road

INTERSTATE MILE MARKER: N/A

WEATHER: Clear

ROAD CONDITIONS: Dry blacktop free of debris or defects

VEHICLE #1

OPERATOR: Ryan M. Koss

AGE: 35

SEAT BELT? Yes

CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE: Pownal, VT

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VEHICLE YEAR: 2008
VEHICLE MAKE: Honda

**VEHICLE MODEL: Element** 

DAMAGE TO VEHICLE #1: Major damage to front end passenger side

INJURIES: Minor HOSPITAL: N/A

VEHICLE #2

**OPERATOR: Richard Treat Williams** 

AGE: 71

SEAT BELT? N/A

**HELMET? Yes** 

CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE: Manchester Center, VT

INJURIES: Fatal

HOSPITAL: Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY

VEHICLE YEAR: 1986

VEHICLE MAKE: Honda

VEHICLE MODEL: VT700c

DAMAGE TO VEHICLE #2: Front-end damage

## SUMMARY OF CRASH:

The Vermont State Police is investigating a crash between an SUV and a motorcycle Monday afternoon, June 12, 2023, in Dorset in which the operator of the motorcycle suffered fatal injuries.

The motorcyclist is identified as Richard Treat Williams, 71, of Manchester Center, Vermont.

The crash occurred at about 4:53 p.m. Monday on Vermont Route 30 just north of Morse Hill Road when a southbound 2008 Honda Element driven by Ryan M. Koss, 35, of Pownal, Vermont, attempted to turn left into a parking lot. Initial investigation indicates the Element stopped, signaled a left turn, and then turned into the path of a northbound 1986 Honda VT700c motorcycle operated by Williams. Williams was unable to avoid a collision and was thrown from his motorcycle. He suffered critical injuries and was airlifted to Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York, where he was pronounced dead. Koss was checked by medical personnel at the scene for minor injuries and was not transported to a hospital.

The investigation into this crash is in its early stages. A member of the Vermont State Police Crash Reconstruction Team was on scene Monday evening, and team members will return to the location of the collision Tuesday, June 13, to continue processing the scene.

Any witnesses to the crash or those with information about the incident are asked to call the Vermont State Police Shaftsbury Barracks at 802-442-5421 or leave an anonymous tip online at <a href="https://vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit">https://vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit</a>.

No further details are available at this time. The state police will release additional information as the investigation progresses.

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