Information submitted

Van Wert County Sheriff Thomas M. Riggenbach released information that deputies investigated a motorcycle accident in the early-morning hours on Saturday. Riggenbach said the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office received a call advising a motorcycle had wrecked near the intersection of Slane and Hessian roads in Hoaglin Township. The driver of the motorcycle, Nicholas A. Mason, 18, of North Pole, Alaska, lost control of the motorcycle while traveling south on Slane Road.

Due to the extent of the injuries to Mason, Samaritan Helicopter was requested at the scene. Mason was transported by Samaritan to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., and later pronounced dead at Parkview Hospital.

The Van Wert County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Grover Hill Fire and EMS, Van Wert EMS and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. No other details about the accident were released by the sheriff's office.