

Santa Rosa man victim of fatal Saturday motorcycle crash

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LAKEPORT – The California Highway Patrol reported that the victim of a fatal motorcycle crash on Highway 175 Saturday was a Santa Rosa man who was an experienced rider.

Mansur Balaei, 30, died after colliding with a guard rail three miles west of Lakeport, the CHP said Sunday.

The CHP said Balaei, who has ridden motorcycles for 16 years, was traveling with a group when the crash occurred at 1:22 p.m.

He was riding 50 miles per hour in a sharp curve when he lost control of the bike and went off the roadway, hitting a guard rail head-on, according to the CHP report.

Officials said a Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital emergency room nurse was the first on scene, and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Balaei for 20 minutes.

REACH helicopter was summoned but medical personnel at the scene decided Balaei wasn't stable enough to travel by air, said Lakeport Fire Protection District Captain Bob Ray. Instead, Balaei was transported to Sutter Lakeside Hospital by ground ambulance.

CHP said Balaei succumbed to blunt force trauma injuries. He had been wearing safety gear – helmet, leathers and boots, Ray added.

Balaei leaves behind a 28-year-old widow and a 5-month-old daughter, the CHP reported.

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